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Former Northampton teammates Luke Jones (18) and Thomas Dix (24) played against each other last weekend. Yellow Jackets Coach Chase Baxa (behind Dix, in hat) brought a contingent of former teammates to the game.

Lifelong friends square off on college soccer field

BY MARK MORING

Eastern Shore Post

For as long as they can remember, Thomas Dix and Luke Jones have been friends and teammates. They grew up playing soccer together in youth leagues, on summer teams, in middle school, and finally in high school, leading Northampton to state championships in three of the last four years.

But for about two hours Saturday, Sept. 12, Dix and Jones were, for the first time ever, on opposing teams —

Dix as a sophomore defender at Mount St. Mary's University, and Jones as a freshman forward at the University of Delaware.

The game, played at Delaware Stadium, was a thriller, ending in a 2-2 tie when Mount St. Mary's scored with just 6 seconds remaining — which is kind of fitting, because while both Dix and Jones wanted to win, certainly neither wanted to lose.

While Dix played 67 minutes for MSM, Jones only got on the field for 1 minute, and not at the same time as his

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ACCOMACK

After two-month tumult, school board thumbs nose at Bloxom

In a 4-3 vote with one abstention, Anson is hired

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

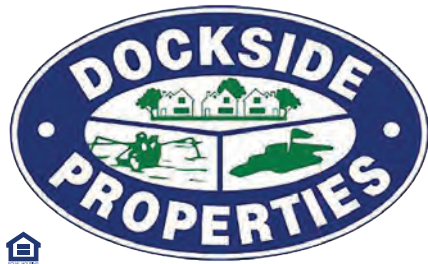
The Accomack County School Board on Tuesday, Sept. 15, approved a full-time athletic administrator at Chincoteague High School to replace Jimmy Bloxom, a community favorite who had performed the job of athletic director on a part-time basis for nine years because nobody else wanted to do it.

Ron Anson, a longtime athletic director and director of operations at Broadwater Academy, was hired for the position. The school board's vote made public a confidential employment list that included Anson, but afterward school board members did not address the public, congratulate Anson, or thank Bloxom. The school board did not disclose Anson was the choice until the following afternoon.

Bloxom's unsuccessful attempt to be hired to the newly created full-time position became representative of what critics say is the Accomack school administration's strained and unappreciative relationship with its employees, hundreds of whom have retired or resigned since new Superintendent Jennifer Miller was hired last year.

Bloxom's plight also exposed a deeply divided school board, one of whom — Jesse Speidel, representing Chin-

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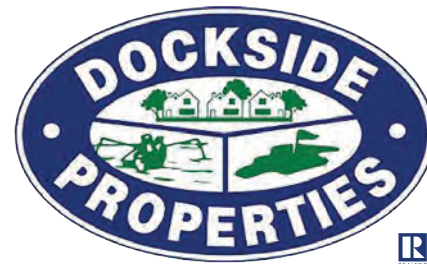
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Landfills will be open on Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm to accept residential garbage, yard waste, and construction/demolition debris. The landfill will also accept the following recyclable materials:

- Tires (car and small truck only "LIMIT" 12 per person/day)
- Used Motor Oil, Scrap Metal, and car and truck batteries.

Recycling materials, such as plastic bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, any #1 or #2 plastics, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, telephone books, cereal boxes, metal and aluminum cans, may be recycled at any of the County's 7 Convenience/Recycling Centers "FREE" year round.

Landfills and Convenience Centers will not accept materials deemed to be hazardous, such as: Paint, Pesticides, Biological hazards, asbestos, and heavy metals. Please check with the attendants at these sites as to where and how to dispose of hazardous materials.

The Department of Solid Waste looks forward to working with the citizens of Accomack County on this program and encourages everyone to mark their calendars for the Spring Clean Up - the second Saturday of May every year! A projected date for next spring is Saturday, May 8, 2027. For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department in Accomack at (757) 787-1468.

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Federal immigration sweep intensifies in Accomack

Area support rally is noon Monday near Perdue plant

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Eastern Shore’s second rally in support of those affected by the ICE presence on the Eastern Shore will be held at noon on Monday, Sept. 21, in the parking lot of a store across the highway from the Perdue Farms Inc. plant in Accomac.

“Families are hurting. People are scared. Our community is feeling the weight of everything happening around us,” said Gabriela Ramirez on Facebook, in announcing the rally.

“But one thing we have shown over and over again is that when we stand together, we are stronger,” she wrote.

The rally will be held at the El Pischachin store near the intersection of

Lankford Highway and Baylys Neck Road.

Organizers asked attendees to bring posters and flags. They asked that there be no “vulgar, hateful, threatening, or offensive language” and that there be “no violence, threats, and confrontation.”

The first rally in the wake of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s presence on the Eastern Shore was held at Heritage Corner, a small shopping plaza in Onley, on Thursday, Sept. 10. A large crowd attended.

ICE agents were documented on the Eastern Shore Sept. 1. An ICE media relations office has not answered an email request from the Eastern Shore Post for information.

People witnessed a heavy ICE presence on Wednesday, Sept. 16, in the areas of Accomac and Greenbush. An eyewitness said they were waiting at the gate of the Perdue Farms Inc.

processing plant, at 6 a.m. on Sept. 16, and at a Hispanic-owned store on Greenbush Road at 7 a.m.

Eyewitnesses also said a number of Hispanic-owned stores and food establishments were closed Sept. 16. Community leaders, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said food delivery operations to help those afraid to go to the grocery store or be seen in public continue.

Jose Berlanga, of Greenbush, posted on Facebook on Sept. 9 that two of his uncles were detained by ICE on their way to work.

“Going to work doesn’t make you a criminal,” he wrote.

Eyewitnesses continued to post images and videos on social media of ICE agents stopping vehicles on Accomack County roads and detaining individuals.

Accomack Sheriff Todd Wessells confirmed ICE operations in the coun-

ty but said the sheriff’s department is not involved in ICE activities.

Northampton County Sheriff David Doughty said in a Sept. 8 meeting that ICE had not yet conducted operations in the county but that they were imminent.

Doughty reiterated that the Northampton County Sheriff’s Office is not involved in the operations of ICE and cannot interfere with the federal agency.

The sheriff’s office would only assist if it received a call to mediate a situation, Doughty said.

He said he recently met with the agency in charge and was told ICE agents will not be going into churches, schools, or businesses.

In his meeting with ICE, Doughty said no plans were discussed, but agents will be targeting those who have been previously deported or those who have committed crimes.



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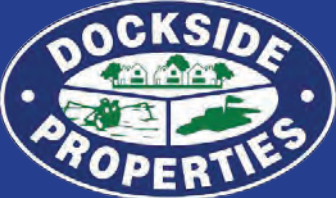
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Celebrating ESCC Alumni Success: Lucas Antunes

Every October, Your Eastern Shore Community College celebrates our former students with the annual ESCC Alumni Block Party on campus in Melfa. The event this year will be held Friday night, October 9th, from 5:30pm - 8:30pm with a variety of food trucks, DJ music, giveaways, and some exclusive “Alumni Swag” this year. To set the stage, we present one of many ESCC alumni success stories.

A native of São Paulo, Brazil, Lucas Antunes developed a passion for technology at an early age. His father, an electrical engineer, encouraged him to build computers from spare parts, explore the Linux operating system, and eventually write his own software.

After moving to Virginia’s Eastern Shore in 2016 and enrolling at ESCC as a Ratcliffe Scholar in 2020, Lucas excelled in the college’s technical and trades courses. While attending classes, Lucas secured a position as Operations Analyst at New Ravenna in Exmore, evaluating and improving the company’s day-to-day systems and procedures.

A chance meeting with Pungoteague resident Joe Betit, a retired professional with extensive experience in global construction,

surveying, and international finance, helped Lucas connect his diverse skills and experience. Together, they developed a hydro-drone, an affordable data-collection platform designed to create bathymetric maps, measure water flow, salinity, and temperature in local waterways. Their innovative project earned a \$25,000 award from the Philip E. and Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation Shore Hatchery Entrepreneurship Competition at Salisbury University.



ESCC Alumni Lucas Antunes

As Lucas continued his education at ESCC, he received a scholarship from the Virginia Aerospace Business Association and secured a paid internship at NASA Wallops, working with the Goddard Sustainability Manager.

Lucas graduated from ESCC in May 2022 with an Associate degree in Electronics Technology. Today, he serves as a Radar Technician with KBR at NASA Wallops Flight Facility supporting Range Operations for sounding rockets, Department of Defense missions, human spaceflight programs, and aircraft operations.

This past April Lucas gave the keynote address at ESCC Foundation’s Scholarship Luncheon and shared:

“ESCC has changed so many lives, including mine. I continue to see the impact the college makes and the opportunities it creates. There are always exciting projects, new paths, and possibilities ahead for students in all fields.”

Lucas’s story demonstrates how education, mentorship, innovation, and perseverance can open doors to opportunities—from Brazil to the forefront of America’s space program.

Come join in the celebration of former students like Lucas who have attended ESCC and embarked on their own paths to success. All alumni and members of the community are invited to join the Alumni Block Party, Friday, October 9th, from 5:30pm - 8:30pm in front of the ESCC Academic Building on Lankford Highway in Melfa.

This is a rain or shine event and will also feature ESCC Student Clubs and a multitude of free giveaways. Reconnect with fellow alumni, staff, and faculty (past and present), tour the facility and enjoy food trucks and music to close out the work week and kick off the weekend.

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ACCOMACK

Candidate emerges for vacant District 1 school board seat

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

A Chincoteague Island woman is the lone candidate to submit interest in the vacant District 1 seat on the Accomack County School Board.

Traci Robbins, a retired longtime teacher with Accomack County Public Schools, introduced herself at the school board's meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15.

"I believe strongly in the importance of providing our students with a quality education and ensuring that our schools have the support, resources, and leadership necessary for every child to succeed," Robbins wrote to the school board, announcing her candidacy.

Jesse Speidel, who had served on the school board since 2017 representing Chincoteague and was elected to his current term in 2023, resigned effective Aug. 26, in part because of the way the school system has handled the Chincoteague athletic director job opening, he said.

State code specifies the school board has 45 days to appoint Speidel's successor or a circuit judge will make the appointment.

Robbins worked for Accomack County Public Schools as a teacher from 1988 to 2026. She is a Chincoteague High School graduate and holds an undergraduate degree from James Madison University and a master's degree from Old Dominion University.

"I have enjoyed every year of my teaching career, and the decision to retire was a difficult one," Robbins wrote in her application.

"I know I am not ready to walk away from my students or my school. I hope to serve the education community in a different capacity by bringing my experience, knowledge, and lifelong commitment to Chincoteague and Accomack County to the School Board," she wrote.

A number of speakers during the



Traci Robbins

evening and letters received by the school board supported her candidacy.

"Traci is Shore born and Shore raised," said Melanie Orrell, a Chincoteague Combined School teacher who worked with Robbins. "She knows

the community because she is part of it. She has touched the lives of countless students and families."

Maury Enright, a retired 42-year teacher at Chincoteague Combined School who continues to work as a substitute teacher in the county, called Robbins "an ideal choice" for the school board.

Enright said he taught Robbins in high school, worked with her at the school, and has substituted in her classroom.

Arthur Leonard, a former Chincoteague mayor, told the gathering that Robbins would be "a very good fit for the school board."

Connie Burford, of Chincoteague, also endorsed Robbins. She told the school board she hoped Robbins can figure out "why we lost so many teachers and employees in such a short amount of time" in Accomack County.

In an interview during a break in the meeting Robbins said she was "100% supportive" of Jimmy Bloxom, the longtime part-time Chincoteague Combined School athletic director, being hired to the full-time position.

"He's been doing a good job for nine years," she said, calling Bloxom an "amazing guy."

Later in the meeting the school board did not hire Bloxom to the full-time position.

The school board has set a special meeting on Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School to act on the school board appointment.

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Marriage amendment more than legislative housekeeping

This week I will attempt to tackle the second of three proposed amendments to Virginia’s constitution that will be on this year’s ballot.

As I mentioned in my last report, my goal is to educate readers in a non-partisan way on what they will be voting on Nov. 3.

Current law

Under Virginia’s constitution, marriages, civil unions, and other legal relationships with the same rights, benefits, and effects of marriage between persons of the same sex or gender are prohibited.

This prohibition is no longer enforceable as a result of a 2014 Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals decision and then the far-better-known 2015 Supreme Court decision in



Delegate Rob Bloxom

again.

Proposed law

The proposed amendment removes the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender from the Virginia Constitution’s Bill

Obergefell v. Hodges.

However, the prohibition on same-sex marriage remains in the state’s constitution. If the Supreme Court were to overturn its Obergefell decision, that prohibition would be enforceable

of Rights.

It is replaced with the fundamental right to marry, requiring the state to recognize and treat equally under the law any lawful marriage between two adult persons, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of either person.

The proposed amendment prohibits the state from denying a marriage license to two adult persons because of their sex, gender, or race.

The ballot question and the text of the proposed amendment may be found below.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment, November 3, 2026 General and Special Elections, Question 2

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriag-

es to be treated equally under the law?

Full text of amendment

(Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is stricken.)

That ~~only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions~~ marriage is one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness.

This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not ~~create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage~~ deny the issuance of a marriage license to two adult persons

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Bloxom

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seeking a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such persons. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage. This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall recognize any lawful marriage between two adult persons and treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons.

Analysis

In my view, the issue before voters with this second constitutional question is much more straightforward than the first.

Virginia's current constitutional ban has been unenforceable for more than a decade due to federal constitutional rulings.

The Supremacy Clause means our state constitutional language cannot be enforced against couples today. This amendment would remove stale language and go somewhat further.

Interestingly, it also adds race to the constitutional text. Those of us old enough — or those among us who are students of history or law — will remember that this was already protected by the famous 1967 Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia*.

In that case, the court struck down bans on interracial marriage, resting primarily on the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and, in part, on the Due Process Clause, and describing marriage as a fundamental right.

The authors of this amendment likely added race to the question and text out of concern that *Loving's* due-process reasoning is potentially weakened by the *Dobbs* case we discussed last week (which overturned *Roe v. Wade*).

In *Dobbs*, the majority wrote that courts should be cautious about recognizing rights that are not specifically listed in the Constitution and emphasized whether a claimed right was

deeply rooted in history and tradition.

In his concurrence, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas urged the court to reconsider three other cases involving rights currently protected by the Due Process Clause (*Griswold*, *Lawrence*, and *Obergefell*). He did not call for revisiting *Loving*, but his comments heightened anxiety that other similar rights could be challenged.

It is also worth noting that this amendment is not purely a housekeeping update to match federal law.

Beyond deleting the ban, it affirmatively bars the Commonwealth from denying a marriage license to two adult persons on the basis of sex, gender, or race and requires that any lawful marriage between two adults be recognized and treated equally under the law. That is broader than what *Obergefell* itself requires.

There is less ambiguity in this amendment than the one we discussed last week. I find the verbiage describing an "orderly" pursuit of happiness interesting but not necessarily problematic.

The one word that may be litigated in future years may be "gender." If that happens, the meaning of this state constitutional language would be decided by the Supreme Court of Virginia. Washington would only become involved if a federal constitutional question were raised.

Finally, a point of clarification on what a future Supreme Court might do: If the court were to reverse *Obergefell*, the question would return to the states. Under current law, that would revive the ban still sitting in our constitution. If this amendment passes, the opposite would be true, and Virginia's own constitution would protect the right to marry as a matter of state law.

Separately, the federal Respect for Marriage Act of 2022 would continue to require recognition of lawful marriages. So, this vote is less about recognizing *Obergefell* than about deciding which rule Virginia would fall back on if federal protection ever changed. Predicting future Supreme Court cases is above my pay grade, but that is the practical stake.

I hope this description was helpful, and as always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Also, please remember to vote on Nov. 3.

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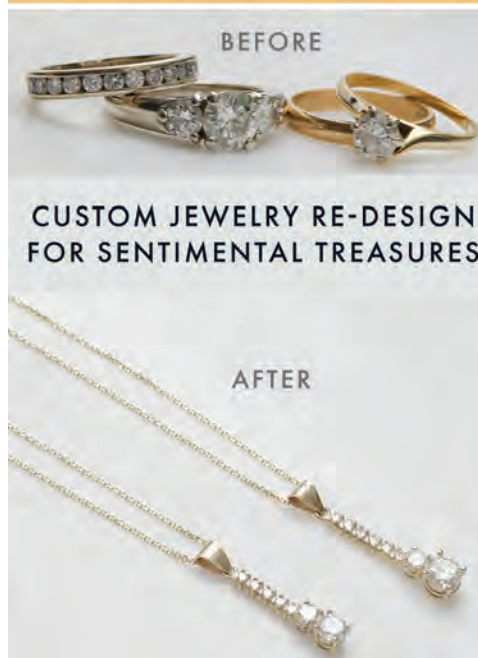
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Elected officials should not hide behind vote abstentions

Too frequently these days, elected officials who do not want to take a side on a complicated issue will abstain from a vote without saying why.

This is bad governance: Not only does the elected officials' lack of a vote eliminate the voice and input of their constituents, not revealing the reason for the abstension is a slap in the face of transparency.

The very least a voter can expect is to be represented by elected officials who are open and transparent in their official duties.

There are true, sound, and good reasons for a member of a board of supervisors, school board, or town council to abstain from a vote.

One reason is law: The state code requires elected officials involved in matters in which they have a personal interest — or their immediate family has a personal interest — to disqualify themselves and abstain. In addition, the law requires them to state the reason why there was an abstention.

But if there is no conflict of interest or no other obvious reason to abstain — for example, it would be understandable for someone who missed a meeting to abstain from a vote on the minutes of that meeting — our elected officials should not shirk tough decisions. To make those very decisions should be the reason they ran for office in the first place.

The most recent example of this was when Stefanie Bowmann, the District 8 member of the Accomack County School Board, abstained from a vote to approve hiring the school superintendent's personnel list on Tuesday, Sept. 15. The vote was four in favor, three opposed, and Bowman's abstention. The passage of the vote means a new athletic director takes over at Chincoteague High School — a topic of heightened community interest.

Bowmann did not give a reason for her abstention, a failure of transparency. We know it was not because she had a conflict or that she was ill informed. We can only surmise that she abdicated responsibility because she was not comfortable with responsibility. That's a bad look for a school board member.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Will be voting for Jen Kiggans in upcoming election

To the editor:

Extreme radical proposals from Democrats embodied in the three pending constitutional amendments here in Virginia, along with routine acceptance of fraud and wasteful spending, partisan bickering, and anti-family policies is not normal.

Lower taxes, safer streets, stronger borders, affordable and accessible healthcare, expanding job and business opportunities, and affordable housing are normal, commonsense issues.

The 2026 election gives Eastern Shore voters the chance to keep our communities on their proper course.

We must avoid a hard left turn to the Democratic socialist and communist movement that will worsen our federal debt situation, take

away parental rights, and terminate badly needed reforms that stop fraud, prevent terrorists from entering the U.S., provide affordable and accessible healthcare, and lower prescription prices and affordable homeownership.

U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans' record reflects a commonsense approach that benefits Eastern Shore residents and communities.

She stopped an enormous pending increase in our federal taxes. She helped put a spotlight on Medicaid fraud to protect the benefits of deserving beneficiaries.

She supported Wallops, our rural hospitals, and lo-

cal water projects, and she has been critical of Democrats' efforts to shut down the federal government. She is transparent in her voting record, and you can follow her efforts and events on her weekly debrief newsletter on her website.

And, she's not been an inside trader on stocks or part of the Washington, D.C., craziness.

For the Eastern Shore and for common sense, let's keep Kiggans in Congress, and vote for Bert Mizusawa to put the U.S. Senate back on track.

Jean Sellard
Melfa

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Want to control development? Insist on truthful subdivision names

One of the biggest problems with residential development is that we are quickly exhausting our supply of fancy but uninspired neighborhood



Ted Shockley

names that conjure up serene meadows, gentle breezes, and easy living.

There is precious little truth in naming when it comes to residential developments.

An old Eastern Shore seaside farm may have included a hog pen

and a bunch of junk cars covered in honeysuckle.

But when it is bulldozed, graded, and sliced into building lots, the subdivision is always called something like The Winds at Old Creek — instead of Pig Slaughter at the Junk Heap, the much more correct and honest name.

I think that if people would like to regulate development, they should encourage governing bodies to insist

that these fancy new neighborhoods have names reflective of the property's true history.

For example, the Village at Serene Vista certainly conveys an attractive and marketable aura for a subdivision.

However, if the derelict home in the middle of the property was used for decades as a crack house, government officials should insist that the subdivision be called The Drug Den at Glistening Rock, or something to that effect.

On some of these Eastern Shore farms eyed for residential development once stood old grader sheds that hosted alcohol-fueled evening soirees where teenagers got drunker than Cooter Brown.

Developers might label a subdivision on such a property The Maple Club at Lighthouse Grove, which would seem a fine community name for the upwardly mobile, nouveau riche, and smugly self-satisfied.

However, the old farm where oblivious teens swilled copious amounts of cheap beer on empty stomachs realistically should be called Vomit Meadow at Hangover Pointe, or something similar, when it is developed for residences.

(Real estate developments frequently add an ending "e" on words like "Point," "Old," "Town," as if Shakespeare himself helped in the naming.)

On or near some of these properties slated for development have occurred the worst tragedies in the history of the Eastern Shore — fatal vehicle crashes, deadly fires, savage murders, and the like.

Unknowing developers might designate the hexed grounds a new neighborhood called Legacy Crossing at The Retreat, or something similarly stately and attractive.

A more truthful name for the splendid new high-end development probably would be The Devil's Rectum, or something equally foreboding and accurately representative of the calamities that took place there.

(I want to see glossy Christmas cards embossed with a photo of smiling retirees in Santa hats in front of a stately new home near the words, "Happy Holidays from the Smith family of The Devil's Rectum.")

In general, I want to see more honest subdivision names like Stained Wasteland, Conformity on the Creek, and Godawful Mistake — in part be-

cause the names would be true, and in part because we are running out of generic names like Meadowdawn, The Preserve, and Oak Manor.

In addition, people are typically uncomfortable with the truth and would only sparsely inhabit truthfully named subdivisions, thus cutting down on that housing density everyone is concerned about.

When I am driving around the Eastern Shore and beyond, I always am curious about how these new subdivisions get names so similar sounding that they become bland and anonymous:

Manor Highlands. Copperleaf. The Homestead. Paddock Pointe. The Greens. The Watershed. Olde Towne. Silver Woods. The Estuary. Maple Crest. Shore Vista. Bay Knolls. Cypress Ponds. Lakesdale. Rivershore. Chase Oaks. Ironwood. Heritage Creek. Stillwater Landing. Broadview. Coastal Village. Willowgreen. Kings Cross. Brookwood Crescent.

The fewer places we have with names like these, the better off we all are.

■ *The writer is editor of the Eastern Shore Post. Reach him at editor@easternshorepost.com*

Letters

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Vote for Kiggans, Mizusawa to 'ensure that America remains a capitalist country'

To the editor:

Congressional Democrats are running hard on "affordability" right now. Democrats argue groceries and fuel cost more, housing is out of reach for young families, and healthcare costs are too high under Republican leadership.

Eastern Shore voters should be

mindful of two things: the facts in context and this question: "Then what?"

The fact is, costs are up.

But in context, groceries, rent, and energy rose far more from 2021 to 2024 under President Joe Biden than they have in 2025 to 2026, under Republican leadership.

Groceries are up 22% and rent is up about 23% since Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris took office, while today's 2% to 3% grocery inflation looks like residue from Democrats' money printing and unchecked spending under Biden and Harris.

Core inflation is decelerating if you adjust for the impact of Iran, according to the recent Dallas Federal Re-

serve report.

As for healthcare costs, we were promised that the Democrats' Affordable Care Act or "Obama Care" would lower medical costs, deductibles, and health insurance costs. That was a lie.

More important, though, is "Then what?"

What would Democrats do if they got control again and what would happen?

They would increase taxes. They would regulate and disrupt supply chains and markets.

They would spend more and more and roaring inflation would be back at the kitchen table.

Worse, they would likely return to offshoring our manufacturing, which

sent millions of jobs overseas.

The Republican plan is to put more money in citizens' wallets while increasing the supply of fuel, food, and housing through competition and decreased regulation while catalyzing investments in jobs in the U.S.

On Nov. 3, U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans and U.S. Senate candidate Ben Mizusawa need our vote to secure a strong economy, return manufacturing jobs to the United States, and ensure that America remains a capitalist (not communist and socialist) country.

Colleen Daley
Onancock

Voting rights are bedrock of all civil rights: Vote ‘yes’ on Question 3

BY LAURA LUCAS

Guest columnist

In 2015, my husband, John Callander, and I were fortunate enough to attend the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

The Jubilee was joyous and left us hopeful about the state of equal rights in our country. The original march led to the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, a real milestone in the battle for civil rights, but I worry today that the progress we have made is at risk.

We expected to be moved and impressed by the celebration, but we had no idea how much we would learn and how deeply we would be affected.

We found that our assumptions were often wrong, and we realized what a gap there is between the experiences and understandings of Black and White people, not from any lack of good will, but out of ignorance and a failure to talk with each other.

We still have a long way to go with race relations in this country, but we have also come a long way.

‘This has been good’

We were camping in a lovely, quiet state park not far from Selma. We knew we needed to get to town early on the day of the celebration to hear then-President Barack Obama speak. The trick was figuring out where to park or catch a shuttle bus.

John was in the campground show-ers about 4:30 a.m. when he met the reverend from Mount Joy Baptist Church, just outside Birmingham, who was there with his church group.

John asked if he knew anything about when the shuttle buses would start running. The reverend said no, but not to worry, we could just follow them since they had a place to park. John hesitated, saying we didn’t want to impose or take somebody else’s place. But the reverend wouldn’t hear of that.

He just said, “It’s done — you’re with us. We know a shortcut so we



COURTESY PHOTO

Onancock residents John Callander and Laura Lucas stand at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 2015 at the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

won’t be in all the traffic — we drove it last night.”

So Mount Joy took us under its wings and tucked us in the middle of their convoy so we wouldn’t get lost, and we headed to town.

Mount Joy was being sponsored by First Baptist Church, the big Baptist church downtown with a White congregation, and we parked in its parking lot.

The minister who was directing the parking greeted us, asked if we were with Mount Joy (which wasn’t obvious because we were the wrong color), and pointed us to a shady spot.

We were invited to come back for supper after the president’s speech. We stood in a long line snaking around many blocks with Mount Joy folks and people from all over. We didn’t really get to see more than a glimpse of the president because the crowd was so big, and we couldn’t really hear him because there was only one Jumbotron way up front, but it didn’t really matter because the important thing was to be there with the crowd.

We were exhausted when we got back to camp and went to sleep even

earlier than usual and thus missed one of the best opportunities.

Mount Joy was camping in a couple of rented campers and some tents, and after they had supper they hung a sheet on the side of the hill and showed the movie “Selma,” and we could have been there with them.

As we were all packing up to leave after the festivities, we went over to say goodbye. The reverend hugged me and said, “I could tell your spirit was with us. If we never see each other again, this has been good.” It was a wonderful moment.

Incorrect assumptions

The annual reenactment of the crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge was the next day. We went to town early to walk the bridge on our own, knowing that the crowd would be so large it would be an ordeal.

As it turned out, there were so many people they didn’t ever get the usual line of dignitaries formed at the beginning — people just walked across the bridge all day. But getting there before the crowd gave us one of our

best experiences.

Kristen Welker, NBC’s White House correspondent at the time, was doing interviews on the bridge and stopped us to talk.

There weren’t that many old, White people with Jubilee T-shirts on, so I guess we looked interesting. (We were asked several times in Selma if we were “foot soldiers,” people who made the original march in 1965, and were sorry to have to say no.)

Among other things, she asked us whether we thought the bridge should be renamed, since Edmund Pettus was a KKK member and not a friend to the movement. John said no, it was a part of the history and should stay; I said yes, because it didn’t seem right to honor such a person any longer. But I was about to get a good history lesson from a real authority.

John and I were trying to figure out how to take a selfie with the bridge in the background, and obviously not having much luck, when Marshella Greenlee introduced herself to us and offered to take our picture on her phone and email it to us. We had a couple of wonderful conversations with Marshella, on the bridge and later when we ran into her in the crowd.

In 1978 when Marshella was a child, her father was elected the first Black sheriff of Perry County, Ala. Jimmie Lee Jackson, a young Black man, was murdered by a White highway patrolman in Perry County in February 1965, providing impetus to the nonviolent march from Selma to Montgomery.

She told us that she remembers a truck being crashed into her home to attack her father and his family, and this was 13 years after the Selma march.

We asked Marshella for her opinion about renaming the bridge, and she didn’t hesitate. “No, no, no — don’t rename the bridge,” she said. She has an aunt who said vehemently, “I didn’t walk across the Marshella Greenlee bridge, I walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.”

Walking across that bridge is clearly

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a symbolic victory over everything the KKK stands for and it needs to keep the name. Well, that certainly changed my mind.

We also talked about the troubles in Ferguson, Mo., and the actions of law enforcement in the Black community there, which were in the news at the time. Marshella comes to the Selma anniversary every year, and equality for Blacks is obviously very important to her, and I expected that she would take a strong position against the police.

But she said her father was in law enforcement all of her life and her perspective was generally to support them — she wasn't so sure about Ferguson and wasn't about to judge things at that point. That was one more assumption I had made that wasn't correct.

'The same human rights'

We attended lots of church services and commemorations, said "Amen" a lot, and learned that it doesn't matter whether you hold all the same beliefs as everybody in the room.

The important things are that you are willing to listen and that you want the best for everybody. Our assumptions about people who are different from us are so often wrong and we must go beyond them.

We must talk to people of other colors, religions, and cultures so we can truly understand that we are all the same under the skin and all have the same human rights.

We must restore and preserve the voting rights so hard won in the civil rights fight of the 1960s, because voting rights are the bedrock of all of our civil rights.

Please vote "Yes" on Proposed Constitutional Amendment Question 3 on the ballot for the Nov. 3 election.

■ *The writer lives in Onancock.*

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VOTE I DO ON TWO!
Marriage is about love, commitment, and building a life together. But Virginia's

Constitution still contains an outdated ban on same-sex marriage.

This election, we can change that.

Cast your vote to count!

Ensure that lawful marriages between two adults are treated equally under Virginia law.

Stand for love, commitment and equality for all.



Important Election Information for Accomack County Voters

This is an official notice of the upcoming election to be conducted in Accomack County. On **Tuesday, November 3, 2026** voters will be casting ballots for:

- **The office of United States Senate**
- **The office of United States House of Representatives, 2nd Congressional District**
- **Referenda: 3 Proposed Constitutional Amendment Questions**
- **Mayors and town council members (voters in all 14 towns only)**
- **Onancock town voters will also vote in a special election to fill a vacant town council seat**

Voters will need to bring a valid ID or sign an ID confirmation statement to vote. Curbside assistance and ballot drop boxes will also be available. Only qualified voters who live in the 14 towns can vote in town elections.

Important Dates for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Elections:

Sept. 18, 2026	First Day of In-Person Early Voting at Voter Registration Office 8:30 AM to 5 PM
Oct. 12, 2026	Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
Oct. 18, 2026	First Day of In-Person Sunday Voting - 11 AM to 5 PM NEW
Oct. 23, 2026	Deadline to request to receive an absentee ballot by mail. Requests must be received in the Voter Registration Office by 5 PM.
Oct. 23, 2026	Deadline to Register to Vote or Update Registration (Voters may register after this date using a provisional ballot/SDR)
Oct. 24, 2026	First Day of Saturday In-Person Voting & First Day of SDR 8:30 AM to 5 PM
Oct. 25, 2026	Second Day of In-Person Sunday Voting - 11 AM to 5 PM NEW
Oct. 31, 2026	Second Saturday and Last Day to Vote Early In-Person - 8:30 AM to 5 PM
Nov. 3, 2026	Election Day at Your Local Polling Place Only from 6 AM to 7 PM (Voters cannot early vote at the Registrar's office)

Please contact the Accomack County Voter Registration Office at (757) 787-2935 for more information.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

BALLOT QUESTION 1

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

BALLOT QUESTION 2

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

BALLOT QUESTION 3

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

For explanations of proposed constitutional amendment questions, please visit the Virginia Department of Elections website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/referenda>

ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, September 18

■ **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly 1.5 mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.

■ **COFFEE TALK:** 9 to 10 a.m., Northampton County Cooperative Extension Center, 7247 Young St., Machipongo. During this month's Perk Up and Learn Coffee Hour the extension will share information on how to build better soil using fall cover crops and teaching home gardeners about soil health.

■ **BOOK SALE:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. The library is hosting a book sale outside the library.

■ **HOT DOG CART:** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., No Limits Eastern Shore, 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley. No Limits will have its hot dog cart open.

■ **FISH NETTING FUN:** 11 a.m. to noon, Kiptopeke State Park will offer Net Gains, where participants learn to net invertebrates and fish found at the beach. Located at the state park's south beach. The event is free but parking fees apply. Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **KIPTOPEKE HISTORY:** 3 to 4 p.m., the "Life and Times of Kiptopeke Hike" will be held at Kiptopeke State Park. Meet at Picnic Shelter No. 1. The event is free but parking fees apply, Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **WELCOME CAMPFIRE:** 5 to 6 p.m., there will be a welcome campfire at Kiptopeke State Park. Meet at the campground amphitheater at the park. The event is free but parking fees apply, Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **SUB SALE:** 5 to 8 p.m., Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company, Bloxom. The fire company is hosting a sub sale. The

Best bets

■ **On Saturday, Sept. 19, from noon to 4 p.m., the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Eastern Shore Laboratory is hosting its annual Marine Life Day. Visitors can learn about local marine life through touch tanks, interactive activities, crafts, and discussions with researchers.**

■ **On Saturday, Sept. 19, from 2 to 7 p.m., the Crabby Blues Festival will bring music, artisan vendors, food, and activities for children to Cape Charles Central Park.**

menu includes 12-inch cheesesteaks and cold cut subs. To order in advance call 757-709-8138.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 6:15 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The Great Pocomoke Fair is hosting cash bingo. Concessions will be available.

■ **QUARTER AUCTION:** Doors open 6 p.m., auction starts at 7 p.m., Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke City. The theater is hosting a quarter auction.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles. The Bridgetown Sounds perform live. There will be a cash bar.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Cape Charles Mini Golf, Cape Charles. Scott and Melinda perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 10 p.m., Chincoti Caribbean Bar and Grill, 4121 Main St., Chincoteague. Mercury Agenda performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. Fil Rhythm performs live. Tickets are \$15. Call

757-710-8718 to reserve a seat.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, Chincoteague. Johnny Mo performs live.

■ **TRIVIA:** 7:30 p.m., Quizzo with Johnny Goodtimes at El Soul, 225 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Saturday, September 19

■ **BIRDING:** 6:30 to 10 a.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grill parking lot, Cape Charles. Baxter Beamer will assist birders during the Virginia Wildlife Observatory's Morning Flight Count. This count documents migratory bird diversity and abundance during fall migration.

■ **COMMUNITY YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to noon, Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. A community yard sale is being held at the fairgrounds. The cost to set up as a vendor is \$20 per 12-foot-by-12-foot space. To sign up contact gpfvendormgr@gmail.com

■ **MUD HOP:** Gates open at 8 a.m., racing begins at noon, 316 Dirt Drag, 20305 Greenbush Road, Greenbush. A mud hop is being held at the track complete with mud drags and

tough trucks. The cost is \$20, kids age 10 and under are free. The rain date is Sept. 26.

■ **CAR SHOW:** 8 a.m. setup, show runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chincoteague Carnival Grounds, Chincoteague. The Sons of American Legion Squadron 159 is hosting its annual memorial car show. There will be food, drinks, baked goods, and music. Admission is free.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, corner of Market and Ames Streets, Onancock.

At the Onancock Farmers Market shoppers will find produce, baked goods, meat and seafood, artisan goods, and much more.

■ **HEALTH FAIR:** 9 a.m. to noon, Captain's Cove Golf and Yacht Center, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville. Captain's Cove is hosting a health and safety fair. There will be vendors from local health agencies, governments, and nonprofits.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Farmers Market brings farmers, bakers, and artisans to the heart of town. There will also be live music.

■ **BENEFIT LUNCH:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Juliennas and Knights of Columbus will be holding a barbecue at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Pocomoke City. Half a chicken, green beans, cole slaw, a corn muffin, and a drink costs \$15. Hot dogs, chips, and a drink for kids costs \$5. There will be numerous raffles. Proceeds benefit the Juliennas and Knights of Columbus Council 11616 charity funds.

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Virginia Welcome Center at New Church is hosting its annual Fall in Love With Virginia event. There will be free ice cream, food samples, giveaways and raffles, facepainting, touch tanks, and a Chincoteague

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Be included

The Eastern Shore Post wants your listings for live music, theatrical performances, carnivals, special events, and anything else that is just plain fun. Send to editor@easternshorepost.com

Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

■ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** For meetings in Accomack and Northampton, visit www.aaeasternshoreva.org or call 757-350-0466.

■ **AL-ANON:** For relatives and friends of alcoholics. Local meetings. Visit www.vaalonon.org or call 757-563-1600

■ **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** Group meets every Wednesday at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Call 757-999-6771.

■ **COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** All-day, every-day hotline for those impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault: 757-787-1329.

■ **SUICIDE HOTLINE:** If you are having thoughts of suicide or know someone at risk, call 988. Call the local 24-hour hotline at 757-442-7707 or 800-764-4460.

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Pony meet-and-greet.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting storytime and play literacy activities for children age 5 and under.

■ **SCIENCE PROGRAM:** Noon to 4 p.m., Virginia Institute of Marine Science Eastern Shore Laboratory, 40 Atlantic Ave., Wachapreague. VIMS is hosting its annual Marine Life Day. Visitors of all ages can learn about the marine life on Virginia's Eastern Shore. There will be touch tanks and opportunities to learn about research conducted at VIMS, observe marine organisms under a microscope, and participate in interactive activities and crafts.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** Noon to 5 p.m., The Table at Melfa United Methodist Church, 19444 Main St., Melfa. The Worship Without Walls Block Party will feature a cookout, music, a live worship, games, and activities.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 2 to 7 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. The Crabby Blues Festival returns with live music, artisan vendors, food, childrens activities, and more. This is a free event.

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 3 to 7 p.m., YMCA Camp Silver Beach, 6272 YMCA Lane, Jamesville. The 16th annual YMCA Camp Silver Beach Oyster Roast and Beach Bash features unlimited oysters, clams, barbecue, sides, and drinks. There will also be a silent auction and live music by the Southern Fog Band. Tickets are \$75 each in advance or \$85 after Sept. 5. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/rtkutfk8>

■ **LADIES NIGHT:** 5 to 9:30 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomack.

The Elks Lodge is hosting Ladies in the Spotlight. The evening will include a cocktail hour from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, raffles, and an auction. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased by calling 757-787-7750.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 10 p.m., Chincoti Caribbean Bar and Grill, 4121 Main St., Chincoteague. My Dirty Little Secret performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, Pocomoke City. Dave Nees performs live.

■ **SCIENCE PROGRAM:** 8:15 p.m., Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague. Solar System Ambassador Daniel McGill, along with the Chincoteague Island Library, is hosting an event to observe the moon.

Sunday, September 20

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 11 a.m., Restoration Outreach Healing Ministries, 120 A. Market St., Onancock. The church is hosting its 14th anniversary.

■ **OPEN MIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Musicians can share talents during the brewery's Music Circle open mic.



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■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 2 p.m., Adams United Methodist Church, 25352 Lee Mont Road, Parksley. The church is hosting Blessed by Generations, a celebration of grandparents.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Chincoti Caribbean Bar and Grill, 4121 Main St., Chincoteague. Ken G. performs live.

Monday, September 21

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game day. Snacks are welcome.

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 5 p.m., Bowman's Folly, Onancock. Birding Eastern Shore and the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust are hosting a birding field trip at Bowman's Folly. The exact meeting address will be given after registration. To register contact Maggie Long at 610-500-9971.

■ **MEETING:** 7 p.m., Sage Diner, Onley. The Accomack Republican Party is hosting its monthly meeting. For more information contact Chairman Sam Sellard at 757-709-8252.

Tuesday, September 22

■ **LECTURE:** 9:30 to 11 a.m., Virgin-

ia Eastern Shore Land Trust, 6 Crockett Ave., Onancock. The land trust is holding a lecture on maximizing wildlife habitat in yards. Ben Willis will be the guest speaker. There will be coffee, tea, and donuts. To register email outreach@veslt.org

■ **BLOOD DRIVE:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Onancock Town Hall, 15 North St., Onancock. A blood drive is being held at the town hall. To make an appointment visit redcrossblood.org

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 to 10:50 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. During Wiggle Worms Storytime kids age 2 and under can hear songs, participate in movement activities, play with educational toys, and engage with a variety of board books.

■ **STORYTIME:** 11 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. The library is hosting Little Sprouts storytime for children ages 3 to 5.

■ **PLANNING:** 3 to 4:30 p.m., Island Community House, Chincoteague. Village Neighbors is hosting a medicare planning session with Tidal Health. Those enrolling in Medicare can see all the plans that are

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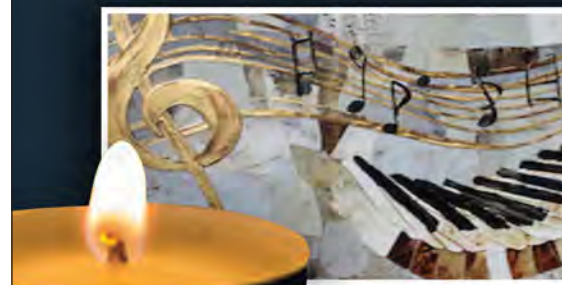
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available. To RSVP call 757-349-9969.

■ **TEEN GAMING NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teens can enjoy puzzles, board games, and video games.

■ **YARN CLUB:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Crafters can bring their knitting or crochet projects and chat with other fiber artists while working.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, Chincoteague. The museum is hosting a lecture by Kevin Holcomb about wetland restoration at Chincoteague Island National Wildlife Refuge as part of its Tuesday Night Lecture series. Tickets are \$10. Museum members, active military members, and children age 12 and under are free. To reserve a seat call 757-336-6117.

Wednesday, September 23

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Farmers Market brings farmers, bakers, and artisans to the heart of town. There will also be live music.

■ **THRIFT STORE:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church will have its Grace's Attic Thrift Store open.

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Bring in tech and get assistance from library staff.

■ **FISH NETTING FUN:** 11 a.m. to noon, Kiptopeke State Park will offer Net Gains, where participants learn to net invertebrates and fish found at the beach. Located at the state park's south beach. The event is free but parking fees apply. Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **MIGRATION STATION:** 2 to 3 p.m., learn about fall migration at a bird-themed touch table at Kiptopeke State Park's Picnic Shelter No. 2. The event is free but parking fees apply. Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **ART IN THE PARK:** 5 to 6 p.m., held at Kiptopeke State Park, relax in the shade and complete an all-ages craft project. It is held at the park at Picnic Shelter No. 2. The event is free but park-

Eastern Shore class reunions

■ **The Broadwater Academy Class of 1976 is hosting its 50th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. Invitations have been sent and class members are encouraged to check their email for information.**

■ **The Pocomoke High School Class of 1976 will host its 50th class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pocomoke City Elks Lodge. There will be dinner and live music by the Rhythm Section. The cost is \$65 per person. For more information contact Susan Frostrom at Susanhfrostrom@gmail.com.**

■ **The Eastern Shore Post wants your announcements for class reunions. They will run in this space each week at no charge leading up to the reunion date. To include your class reunion, email the information to editor@easternshorepost.com**

ing fees apply, Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **CRAFTING:** 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Crafters can bring handheld projects and work on them in the company of others.

■ **COMMUNITY DINNER:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church is hosting a dinner. The menu is chicken salad, scalloped potatoes, marinated pea salad, and dessert. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children age 10 and under.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, 4158 Seaside Road, Exmore. The church will provide a free hot meal every Wednesday, along with a food distribution for those in need.

■ **GAME NIGHT:** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Island Community House, Chincoteague. The community can gather for games and togetherness. Snacks are welcome.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Company, 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter. The fire company hosts bingo every Wednesday.

■ **ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** 6:30 to 8 p.m., Strawberry Plaza, Cape Charles. Cape Charles residents can meet town council members and town staff while enjoying a free ice cream from Cowlick's Creamery.

Thursday, September 24

■ **GARDENING INFORMATION:** 10 a.m. to noon, Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. The library is hosting Ask a Master Gardener.

■ **COMMUNITY LUNCHEON:** 11

a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Island Community House, Chincoteague. Everyone in the community is welcome to come and share a meal.

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game day. Snacks are welcome.

■ **BLOOD DRIVE:** 1 to 6 p.m., Craddockville United Methodist Church, 33464 Boston Road, Painter. The church is hosting a blood drive. To signup visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 3 to 6 p.m., Farmers and Artisans Market at the Marina Club parking lot at Captains Cove, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville.

■ **CARVING SHOW:** 5 to 8 p.m., Barrier Islands Center, 7295 Young St., Machipongo Meet the Carvers is a celebration of the tradition, art, and skill behind decoy and fish carving on the Eastern Shore. A group of local carvers will be present to share conversation and craftsmanship. Tickets are \$50. Beer, wine, and appetizers will be served. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/bp7k4rvn> for tickets.

■ **CHILDRENS ART:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Kids can learn how to make a paper plate leaf.

■ **SOCIAL GROUP:** 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. This Young Adults Social Group is geared towards people age 20 and over. Young adults can hang out and play video and board games.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii, Onancock. Sean Thomas and the Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio perform live every Thursday.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Onancock Tap-house, Onancock. Vince Kornegay performs live.

■ **DANCE LESSONS:** 6 to 7:30 p.m., Ho-

ly Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock. Ballroom and More on the Eastern Shore will meet for a dance lesson. All skill levels are welcome and a partner is not required. The cost is \$5.

Friday, September 25

■ **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly 1.5 mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.

■ **FISH NETTING FUN:** 11 a.m. to noon, Kiptopeke State Park will offer Net Gains, where participants learn to net invertebrates and fish found at the beach. Located at the state park's south beach. The event is free but parking fees apply. Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **CRAFTS:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Adults can learn how to make wood slice coasters.

■ **KIPTOPEKE HISTORY:** 3 to 4 p.m., the "Life and Times of Kiptopeke Hike" will be held at Kiptopeke State Park. Meet at Picnic Shelter No. 1. The event is free but parking fees apply, Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **WELCOME CAMPFIRE:** 5 to 6 p.m., there will be a welcome campfire at Kiptopeke State Park. Meet at the campground amphitheater at the park. The event is free but parking fees apply, Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **COMMUNITY DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Craddockville United Methodist Church, 33464 Bobtown Road, Painter. The church is hosting a community dinner.

■ **STREET FAIR:** 5 to 9 p.m., Downtown Pocomoke City. Pocomoke City is hosting its Fourth Friday street festival. Best Kept Soul will perform live, there will be food and drinks for sale, kids can enjoy activities, and there will be a touch-a-truck display.

■ **TRIVIA:** 7:30 p.m., Quizzo with Johnny Goodtimes at El Soul, 225 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Saturday, September 26

■ **FUNDRAISER CRUISE:** 6:30 a.m., Curtis Merritt Harbor, Chincoteague. A fundraiser cruise is being held for Davy's TherAppy Farm, which coincides with the fall roundup of the northern Chincoteague Pony herd. Tickets are \$70 and include a raffle ticket, a light breakfast, birthday cake, and

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drinks. For more information or tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/2nu9zp6s>

■ **YARD SALE:** 8 a.m., Accomack Covenant Church, 21549 Adams Road, Greenbush. The church is hosting a yard and bake sale. The rain date is Oct. 3.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Registration opens at 8 a.m., shotgun start at 9 a.m., Great Hope Golf Course, 8380 Crisfield Highway, Westover, Md. The Delmarva Discovery Museum is hosting a golf tournament. Four-person teams can compete to see who will take home a prize. The cost is \$100 per person and includes greens fees, a cart, range balls, and lunch. There will be a special appearance by Mack and Tuck, the museum's otters. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/486cd9tt>

■ **YARD SALE:** From 8 a.m. to noon, Wachapreague is hosting a town yard sale. Maps of the town are available in front of the town hall. The rain date is Sept. 27.

■ **YARD SALE:** From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 26399 Redwood Road, Onley. The third annual Savageville Yard Sale will feature vendors and a dinner sale. The rain date is Oct. 3.

■ **POKER RUN:** Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., ride begins at 10 a.m., New Church Volunteer Fire Company, 4264 Frehouse Street, New Church. The fire company is hosting a poker run. The cost is \$25 for riders and \$20 for passengers. There will be prizes for the best poker hand, music by DJ Stash, food and drinks, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. Non-motorcyclists can join the after-party at the firehouse from 3 to 7 p.m.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, corner of Market and Ames

Streets, Onancock. At the Onancock Farmers Market shoppers will find produce, baked goods, meat and seafood, artisan goods, and much more.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Farmers Market brings farmers, bakers, and artisans to the heart of town. There will also be live music.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomac. The center is hosting its annual S.T.E.A.M Community Day. There will be hands-on learning, interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and activities that make science, technology, engineering, art, and math come to life. Food will be available for purchase.

■ **FESTIVAL:** From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Exmore Fall Festival will bring vendors, food trucks, and live music to downtown Exmore.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting storytime and play literacy activities for children age 5 and under.

■ **CRAB LESSONS:** 11 a.m. to noon, Kiptopeke State Park will host "Crabby Crit-

ters," a beginner-friendly lesson in catching and handling blue crabs. It will meet at the fishing pier at Kiptopeke State park. The cost is \$2 per person and parking fees also apply. Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **ART IN THE PARK:** 2 to 3 p.m., held at Kiptopeke State Park, relax in the shade and complete an all-ages craft project. It is held at the park at Picnic Shelter No. 2. The event is free but parking fees apply, Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **STORYTIME:** 4 to 5 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Rangers will share a nature-related storybook and thematic touch table at Picnic Shelter No. 2. The event is free but parking fees apply, Call 757-331-2267 for more information.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles. The Virginia Opera will perform Arias and Duets. The cost is \$25. For tickets visit www.artsentercapecharles.org

■ **BIKE RIDE:** Meet up at 6:25 p.m., ride begins at 6:45 p.m., Cape Charles Beach Love Sign, Cape Charles. A Full Moon Bike Ride is being held for the Harvest Moon. This community ride is open to all skill levels.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Cypress

Roots Brewing Company, Pocomoke City. Neal Hooks performs live.

Sunday, September 27

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 8 a.m., Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Woodland Trail parking lot, Chincoteague. A migration mix bird walk is being hosted at the refuge. This two-hour guided walk will allow birders to look for shorebirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Newcomers are welcome. Binoculars will be available. Birders should expect to walk at least 1 mile. Bring bug spray and water.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 11 a.m., Bethel Baptist Church, Franktown. The church is celebrating Rev. Wilbert C. Adams' 15th anniversary as pastor. The guest preacher will be Rev. Will Dav-enport at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m. Bishop Dwight Riddick will serve as a special guest preacher.

■ **OPEN MIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Musicians can share talents during the brewery's Music Circle open mic.

■ **MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Mini Golf, Cape Charles. A mini golf tournament is being held to benefit the Northampton High School golf team. The cost is \$100 for teams of four. To register email ccmg@capecharlesminigolf.com

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OBITUARIES

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Frances Rasmussen

Mrs. Frances P. Rasmussen, 85, of Ashland, Ohio, formerly of Machipongo, passed away on Wednesday evening, Sept. 9, 2026, in the Kingston of Ashland.

She was born on Nov. 26, 1940, in Ashland, the daughter of the late Bernard and Gladys (née Bush) Schmidt.

Frances married Stewart Rasmussen on June 26, 1965.

She retired from the U.S. Army after more than 20 years of service.

Frances was a devoted member of King Road Christian Church, Eastern Star, Eagles Club, and the American Legion. She enjoyed working on word puzzles, reading books, and watching both murder mysteries and "Jeopardy."

She is survived by her loving son, Thomas Rasmussen, of Ashland; two grandchildren, Brandon and Emily; four siblings, Marcelle Bragg, of Ashland, Mary Scarbro, of Tennessee, David Schmidt, of Ashland, and Pauline (Larry) Aulger, of Ashland.

In addition to her parents, Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Stewart, who passed away on Sept. 29, 2000; two siblings, Ruth Ann (William) Miller and Eugene (Donna) Schmidt; and her brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, James Bragg, Douglas Scarbro, and Trudy Schmidt.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Denbow-Gasche Funeral Home, with Pastor Rich Pate presiding. The Ashland Veterans Honor Guard conducted full military honors. Family and friends visited two hours prior to the service from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. A meal and time of fellowship was available in the Legacy Room throughout visitation. Interment was in the Culpeper National Cemetery in

Culpeper.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to King Road Christian Church, 1425 King Road, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

For those unable to attend, online condolences may be shared on the funeral home's website at denbowfh.com

Denbow-Gasche Funeral Home & Crematory handled the arrangements.

John Barrs

Mr. John R. Barrs Sr., 97, of Salisbury, Md., passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 10, 2026.

He was born on March 9, 1929, in Cochran, Ga., to William Dotha and Rosa Villeneuve Barrs.

John devoted 30 years of his life to the U.S. Navy, retiring in 1976 as a master chief boatswain's mate, the Navy's highest enlisted pay grade. His distinguished career included service during both the Korean



Mr. Barrs

War and the Vietnam War, as well as service connected with the 1958 Lebanon operation.

John served two tours in Vietnam. During his first tour, from 1967 to 1968, he served with the Brown Water Navy, commanding the harbor utility craft YFU-58 as it transported troops and vital cargo along Vietnam's rivers. His service included operations during the Tet Offensive. This was dangerous and essential work, placing his life at risk as he and his crew carried troops and supplies through an active combat zone.

John later returned to Vietnam aboard the heavy cruiser USS Newport News (CA-148), participating in combat operations in the coastal waters of North and South Vietnam. As a member of its crew, he shared in the Navy Unit Commendation awarded to the ship for its

exceptionally meritorious service in 1972.

His many military honors included the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V," Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Lebanon. John's patriotism was not something he merely spoke about; he demonstrated it through three decades of courageous and steadfast service to his country.

Retirement from the Navy did not bring an end to John's life on the water. He went on to work in the offshore commercial clamming industry in Chincoteague, captaining the Sea Girt for American Original. You could retire the sailor, but you couldn't take him from the water.

John was deeply selfless, giving to others generously and without hesitation. Having grown up during the Depression and knowing firsthand what it meant to be hungry, he made certain there was always food on the table. A wonderful cook, he expressed his love by feeding and caring for those around him.

Above all, John was devoted to his family. He took immense pride in the generations that followed him and bent over backwards to support them, care for them, and make certain they had what they needed. He was extraordinarily proud of his two sons and the lives of service they built. John Jr. followed in his father's footsteps, serving 21 years in the U.S. Navy and retiring as a chief warrant officer 3, while Michael devoted 41 years to educating generations of young people. Their accomplishments brought him immeasurable pride.

John was grateful for his long life and delighted in reaching the age of 97. Once he reached that milestone, he decided that 100 would be his next goal. He did not quite make it,

but what a wonderful time he had trying!

He was a member of St. John's Methodist Church in Fruitland, Md.

John was preceded in death by Dorothy M. Barrs, the mother of his sons; his stepdaughter, Shannon M. Brown; his parents, Dotha and Rosa Barrs; his brothers, Bill Barrs and Charles Barrs; and his sister, Lynette Summers. He was the last survivor of the Barrs siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Susanne M. Barrs; his sons, John R. Barrs Jr. (Patricia) and Michael A. Barrs (Julio); his grandsons, John R. Barrs III and Christopher M. Barrs; his great-grandchildren, Johnathan Barrs, Justin Barrs, Braden Barrs, and Madison Barrs; his great-great-grandchildren, Emry Barrs, Salem Barrs-Newsome, Bentley Snyder, Keel Lopez-Caveda, and Krew Lopez-Caveda, and a sixth great-great-grandchild on the way; as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

The family offers special and heartfelt gratitude to Chris's wife, Shannon, whose loving care, steadfast support, and countless acts of kindness were truly a godsend, particularly as John and Susanne transitioned to assisted living. The family also extends its sincere gratitude to the wonderful staff of Lakeside at Mallard Landing, whose compassion, kindness, and attentive care meant so much to John and continue to mean so much to Susanne.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 9 a.m. in Holloway Funeral Home, Salisbury. A memorial service will follow at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in the John W. Taylor Cemetery in Temperanceville.

Arrangements are in care of Holloway Funeral Home, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804. Condolences for the family may be shared at www.hollowayfh.com

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Brandon Pruitt

Mr. Brandon Klien Pruitt, 43, passed away peacefully at his home in Onancock, on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on Aug. 25, 1983, in Crisfield, Md., Brandon was the cherished son of Tony and Sherrie Pruitt. He graduated from Nantuxa High School and attended Eastern Shore Community College.



Mr. Pruitt

Throughout his life, Brandon demonstrated remarkable strength and perseverance. Born with spina bifida, he faced challenges that would have overwhelmed many, yet he met each one with courage, determination, and his unmistakable sense of humor. He was a cancer survivor and kidney transplant recipient, but he never allowed his health challenges to define him. Instead, Brandon embraced laughter, friendship, family, and the simple joys of life.

A devoted sports fan, Brandon loved the New England Patriots, Atlanta Braves, and NASCAR. He especially admired Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr., and one of his treasured experiences was having the opportunity to meet Dale Jr.

Brandon will be remembered for his quick wit and natural ability to make people laugh. He enjoyed a good joke, a meaningful conversation, and giving his friends a hard time whenever the opportunity arose. His humor brought people together and was one of the many qualities that made him so uniquely Brandon.

Friendship was an important part of Brandon's life. He shared a special group chat with Steven Thomas, Newman Scott, Edward Smith, Corey Crockett, and Stewart Parks, where jokes, laughter, and companionship were always plentiful. He

also shared lifelong friendship with Derek Savage, whom he had known since kindergarten. Their friendship continued throughout Brandon's life and remained a meaningful part of it.

Brandon is survived by his loving parents, Tony and Sherrie Pruitt, of Onancock; his sister, Shanna Watson and her husband, Bradley, of Atlantic; his grandmother, Evelyn Thorne, of Tangier Island; and his beloved niece and nephews, Brad Watson and his wife, Taylor, of Greenbackville, and Lola Watson, William Watson, and Waylon Watson, all of Atlantic. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles, Donald "Thornie" Thorne Jr., Cynthia Thorne, Sheila Smith, Klien Pruitt, and Leigh Ann Chandler; as well as his cousins, Zach Thorne, Luke Smith, Drew and Emma Chandler, and Kaylie Pruitt.

Brandon was preceded in death by his grandparents, Freddie and Betty Pruitt and Donald Thorne Sr., and his great-niece, Isla Watson.

Brandon's life cannot be measured by the difficulties he faced, but by the courage, humor, and love with which he lived. He loved deeply, laughed often, and fought hard, leaving behind a lifetime of memories and stories that will continue to bring smiles to those who knew him.

To know Brandon was to understand that even in life's hardest moments, there was always room for family, friendship, humor, and one more good laugh.

A memorial service will be conducted from Market Street Methodist Church in Onancock on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Ray Daisey and Elder Duane Crockett officiating. Interment will be held at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions in Brandon's memory may be made to the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 28, Onancock, VA 23417 or to the Tangier Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 239, Tangier, VA 23440.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Steve Hickman

Mr. Randy Stephen Hickman, better known as "Steve," 61, of Onancock, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026.

Born on Aug. 9, 1965, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Randy Davis Hickman and Bonnie Grace Bradford.



Mr. Hickman

Steve was a simple man who found joy in the things he loved most. A true homebody at heart, he treasured the time spent with his wife and children and even chose to homeschool his children, hoping to instill in them the same strong love of family and the values he held so dear. He could often be found rocking out to his favorite classic rock tunes. He was a proud fan of "America's Team," the Dallas Cowboys, and the Baltimore Orioles. For Steve, happiness was found close to home, surrounded by the people, faith, music, and teams he loved.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ka-

trina Ann Hickman; his stepmother, Ann Hickman, of Melfa; his children, Jeremy Hickman (Daniela), of Honolulu, Hawaii, Victoria Cummings (William), of Painter, and Bonnie Passarelli (Dakota), of Exmore; his brothers, Bradley Hickman, of Melfa, and David Hickman (Janet), of Quinby; his grandchildren, Kelsey, Thomas, Joseph, Baylor, Madeline, Hannah, and Charles; and his uncle, James "Jim" Bradford, of California; as well as several nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his stepfather, Archie Bradford, and his sister-in-law, Betty Hickman.

Funeral services will be conducted from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m. There will be a visitation at the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Contributions in Steve's memory may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306, <http://www.t2t.org>

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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VOLLEYBALL

Watson lifts Vikings

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, Tatum Watson had eight kills and three aces to lead Broadwater Academy to a 3-0 win over visiting Gateway Christian (25-12, 25-10, 25-7).

Other top scorers for the Vikings (4-0) included Hayden Cornish (six kills), Rylee Hall (five kills), Caroline Caison (24 assists, seven aces), Emmalene Trower (seven aces), and Miranda Smith (five aces).

On Friday, Sept. 11, Smith had 11 blocks and Caison added 26 assists, five aces, six digs, and three kills to lead Broadwater to a 3-1 victory at Hampton Christian (28-26, 25-11, 21-25, 25-12).

Other top performers for the Vikings included Cornish (eight kills, seven blocks), Hall (seven kills, three aces), and Kinsley Stonestreet (three aces, three assists).

Ponies top Eagles

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, Marley Kinard served the last two points, including an ace, to lift Chincoteague to a thrilling 3-2 victory at Holly Grove (26-24, 22-25, 25-22, 16-25, 15-13).

Kinard finished with six aces, four kills, and five digs. Other top scorers for the Ponies included Amaya Griffin (five kills, seven aces), Gracie Royall (four kills, five digs, five aces), Abby Dosch (five digs, three aces, six assists), and Faith Stadler (five digs, four aces, four assists).

On Monday, Sept. 14, the Ponies fell, 3-1, at Salisbury Christian. Leading the Ponies were Kinard (four kills, four digs, five aces), Griffin (four kills, four aces), Royall (five kills), and Dosch (nine assists).

On Thursday, Sept. 10, Chincoteague lost, 4-1, to visiting Worcester Prep. Top scorers for the Ponies were Griffin (six kills, four blocks, three aces), Royall (three kills, three aces), and Kinard (eight aces).

Holly Grove falls to 4-2

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, Holly Grove



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Broadwater's Tatum Watson goes up for a serve Tuesday against Gateway Christian.

Christian School dropped a tight 3-2 decision to visiting Chincoteague (24-26, 25-22, 22-25, 25-16, 13-15).

Top scorers for the Eagles (4-2) were Araya Harrison (eight kills, five aces, four digs), Audrey Davis (seven kills, five aces, seven digs), Madelyn Abell (seven kills), Divya Maulik (five kills), and Aubrey Humphreys (24 assists, five digs).

On Monday, Sept. 14, Harrison's eight kills and five aces led the Eagles to a 3-0 win over The Cross Christian Academy (25-10, 25-10, 25-12).

Other top scorers were Anna Leim-

bach (four kills, nine aces, nine assists), Humphreys (eight assists, four digs), Davis (four kills), and Abell (four kills, four aces).

On Friday, Sept. 11, Holly Grove lost to visiting Salisbury Christian, 3-1, (20-25, 25-20, 20-25, 21-25).

Top scorers for HGCS were Humphreys (11 assists), Harrison (four kills, seven aces, seven digs), Davis (five kills, 11 digs), Leimbach (three kills, six digs), and Katelyn Eby (12 digs).

On Thursday, Sept. 10, Holly Grove beat visiting Nandua, 3-0, (25-15, 25-23, 25-22). Leimbach (11 assists, three

aces, three digs), Harrison (five kills, five digs), Davis (four kills, three aces), and Eby (seven digs) led the Eagles.

Nandua beats Snow Hill

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, Ikerya Byrd and Jassuri Galo-Vazquez had three kills each to lead Nandua to its first win, a come-from-behind 3-2 triumph at Snow Hill (25-18, 21-25, 16-25, 25-18, 15-7).

Other top scorers for Nandua (1-4) were Nahkiya Whaley (three aces, three digs, three blocks), Briana Zavala (four aces), Aaliyah Lee (three digs), and Jazmin Zavala (three aces).

On Thursday, Sept. 10, Nandua dropped a 3-0 decision at Holly Grove Christian (15-25, 23-25, 22-25). Top scorers for the Warriors were Whaley (three kills) and Byrd (three kills).

Arcadia drops two

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, Arcadia played at Westmoreland; no scores or stats were reported.

On Thursday, Sept. 10, Arcadia lost, 3-0, at Colonial Beach. No stats were reported.

FOOTBALL

Firebirds get first win

On Friday, Sept. 11, Na'Kahi Wilson ran for 162 yards and two touchdowns to lead Arcadia to its first win, a 32-0 shutout at Isle of Wight Academy.

Larry Handy added 62 yards rushing and a touchdown, and Aiden Moore had 40 yards and a score, as the Firebirds piled up 416 yards rushing. Other top runners for Arcadia (1-2) included Malachi Palmer (51 yards), Alexander Taylor (43 yards), and Carson Wallace (38 yards).

Jah'Rell Townsend led the Arcadia defense with eight tackles, including a sack. Other top defenders included Alexander Taylor (eight tackles, two for loss), Jayden Henderson (five tackles), Aiden Moore (four tackles, 1.5 for loss), Quentin Smaw (four

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tackles, 1.5 for loss), Zyhir Scarborough (four tackles, two for loss), and Zayden Townsend (three tackles, one interception).

Ponies improve to 2-1

On Friday, Sept. 11, Camaury Davis, Mikah Busquets, and Micah Bennicoff each ran for a touchdown to lead Chincoteague to a 20-6 win in 8-man football at Rappahannock County.

Quarterback JDarius Davis completed three passes for 61 yards, all to Braedyn Ayres.

On defense, Mikah Busquets had 19 tackles and Makoa Busquets had 16.

Other leading tacklers for the Ponies (2-1) were Jakai Simon (nine tackles), Jeremiah Downing (eight tackles), Bennicoff (eight tackles), and Seven Johnson (six tackles).

Jackets bested at Surry

On Friday, Sept. 11, Northampton dropped a 34-6 decision at Surry County, dropping the Yellow Jackets' record to 0-2.

Jacoby Williams led Northampton's offense with 74 rushing yards on 15 carries, and Charles Hope added 41 yards.

The Jacket defense was led by Jonathan Brown (six tackles, one for loss), Justin Suarez (five tackles), Lucas Kindt (four tackles), and Hope (four tackles, one for loss), while TraQuan Coston had an interception and Anthony PerezMaldonado recovered a fumble.

Warriors defeated at home

On Friday, Sept. 11, Nandua had three turnovers and yielded almost 450 yards in total offense to visiting Snow Hill, falling, 42-6, to the Eagles.



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Holly Grove's Claire Bromley (foreground) vies for possession against Lake Forest on Sept. 10.

The Warriors' offense was led by Juelz Snead, who had a 63-yard kick-off return for a touchdown and added 54 yards rushing.

Nandua's defense was led by Amio Destine (10 tackles, one for loss), Connor Tyler (seven tackles, one for loss), Marquise Galica (six tackles), and Jared Phillips (six tackles, one for loss).

Snow Hill quarterback AyJion Manuel completed nine of 10 passes for 166 yards and three touchdowns, while Jaydon Boulware ran for 122 yards and a score.

Vikings struggle

On Saturday, Sept. 12, Broadwater Academy fell to visiting Brunswick Academy, 56-6, in 8-man football.

The lone score for the Vikings (0-4) came on a 6-yard touchdown pass from

Nico Remers to Eli Destro. William Haynes led the Broadwater defense with eight tackles.

FIELD HOCKEY

HG starts 0-2

On Monday, Sept. 14, Holly Grove Christian School dropped a 7-1 decision to visiting Delmar. Maci Tyler scored the lone goal for the Eagles (0-2).

On Thursday, Sept. 10, Holly Grove lost its season opener, 8-0, to visiting Lake Forest.

GOLF

Warriors go undefeated

On Thursday, Sept. 10, Nandua's golf team completed its regular season undefeated as Kaiden Stokes paced the Warriors to a tri-meet vic-

tory over Northampton and Chincoteague at Bay Creek. Stokes was the day's medalist at 42 strokes over nine holes. He has been the day's medalist in all but one meet this year.

Nandua (15-0) topped the team standings with 180 total strokes, followed by the Yellow Jackets (204) and the Ponies (222).

Top-four scorers for each team were: **Nandua:** Kaiden Stokes (42), Alex Bundick (43), Jack Turner (47), and Liam Wallace (48); **Northampton:** Hayden Seay (49), Walter Ramah (49), Logan Partin (51), and Brayden Brown (55); **Chincoteague:** Rylee Giddings (53), Micah Bennicoff (55), Connor Saulsbury (56), and Cash Littleton and Travis Jillard (tied at 57).

BOYS SOCCER

Eagles now 0-3

On Monday, Sept. 14, Holly Grove Christian School was shut out, 8-0, at Sts. Peter & Paul School, falling to 0-3 on the year.

On Friday, Sept. 11, the Eagles lost, 4-1, to visiting Salisbury Christian. Roni Varjas scored the Eagles' goal.

CROSS-COUNTRY

BA runs in Catholic meet

On Thursday, Sept. 10, several Broadwater Academy runners competed in the 5,000-meter Catholic High School Invitational at Bells Mill Park in Chesapeake.

Broadwater's girls included Lucy Stravino (58th place) and Astrid Latorre (88th), while the boys were represented by Aarav Patel (25th), Gabriel Hughes (95th), Daniel DeLong (99th), Tanner Rock (117th), Walter Higgins (124th), Benjamin Byrd (126th), and Nathaniel Higgins (135th).

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Guthridge wins George Phillips Award

This week, Matt Abell, of Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that he had little to say about the fishing opportunities on the lower Eastern Shore, but “time and tide will bring new opportunities.”



Don McGavock

He said the shallows were the one “shining star poking through the blanket of tropical rain.” He reported that redfish were being caught on chunks of crab and with popping corks trailed by a light jig tipped with a variety of

Gulp baits.

In deeper Chesapeake channels, large reds have made a showing, taking large plastics on heavy duty jig heads. Abell said, “Soon the red drum spawn will be in full effect, and we will be targeting trophy spot tails with cut spot, hardheads, and kingfish in the sloughs and shoals of the lower Chesapeake.” He predicted that anglers could also catch Spanish mackerel and blues in those same areas using Clarkspoons behind #1 planers or inline trolling sinkers.

Abell said there was plenty of opportunity for “perch jerking” in the holes adjacent to nearly every bend of the many creeks leading into Tangier Sound. Top and bottom rigs tipped with small pieces of peeler or bloodworms is the go-to setup.

Abell also lauded the anglers who had braved the Atlantic and were rewarded with meager catches of mahi, tuna, and a few billfish.

Captain Lindsay Paul, on the Almost Persuaded out of Wachapreague, reported that flounder continue to be caught near the inlet when the weather cooperates.



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Tyler Guthridge, the 2026 winner of the George Phillips Award for heaviest fish caught by a club member, is the first youth member to take home the top prize in the Onancock Bay Challenge.

Capt. Paul said there are a lot of undersized fish, with a few nice ones in the mix. Most are being caught using Berkley Gulp with live minnows or silversides. Scattered in the creeks, croaker and spot are being caught using squid and silversides. Most are small, but a few are big enough to eat.

Capt. Paul said the wrecks are still producing some nice sea bass, with an occasional trigger fish. Offshore, he had a few reports of white and blue marlin. He said that deep droppers were catching some nice tilefish.

Jeb Brady, of Bailey’s Bait and Tackle in Cape Charles, report-

ed, “Big red drum continue to dominate the fishing action on the bay-side (while) evening fishing.” Reds up to 50 inches are being caught on cut bait from Cape Charles to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

Brady said the cobia fishing had been solid but that the season for cobia ended Sept. 15. Brady mentioned that nice croaker and spot are showing up around the concrete ships, and undersized trout are being reported in the creeks on the bayside.

Captain Kenny Louderback, of Fish Freaks Sportfishing, confirmed that huge red drum are showing up in the lower bay along with some small red drum and black drum.

Louderback is optimistic about the flounder and sheepshead bite with the arrival of cooler temperatures. He said the seabass and flounder are on the wrecks and structure offshore and that jacks, barracuda, and mahi are also around.

Tyler Nestor, at Oceans East — Eastern Shore, reported that lots of spot and croaker were landed this week. He said that some of the biggest croaker in years were being caught on Fishbites, bloodworms, and shrimp using bottom rigs. Ribbonfish have been caught at Kiptopeke throwing metal spoons and rattletraps.

Nestor said that flounder were showing up again in “the ditch” at Wise Point for anglers using minnows and Gulp. He also confirmed that red drum continue to be caught around the third and fourth islands and the high rise of the bridge-tunnel using live spot and croaker for bait on fish finder rigs.

The writer moved to the Eastern Shore about 20 years ago and lives on Hunting Creek near Parksley. He is an avid fisherman and a member of the ESVA Anglers Club.

Spanberger declares State of Emergency to support farmers

Governor Abigail Spanberger declared a State of Emergency on Wednesday, Sept. 16, to support Virginia farmers and producers in response to the statewide hay shortage caused by ongoing drought conditions. Governor Spanberger’s Executive Order 21 allows hay to be transported quickly and efficiently to farms across the commonwealth by granting over-width exemption waivers to carriers transporting essential agricultural supplies of hay in any part of Virginia — accelerating feed delivery to farms and livestock producers. These waivers will help make sure farms

can maintain operations and protect livestock health as persistent drought conditions have caused a statewide hay shortfall of 500,000 tons — or approximately 1 billion pounds. The declaration also provides access to emergency funding, activates price gouging protections, and authorizes additional measures if necessary. “The drought has placed real pressure on livestock producers across Virginia,” said Spanberger. “Today, I am declaring a State of Emergency to make sure we can address the significant hay shortage facing the commonwealth and keep farmers on solid

footing heading into the winter. This waiver will help us move critical hay resources more quickly so farms can prepare for the months ahead, feed livestock, and sustain their operations. “While we have seen improvement in drought conditions in some areas of the commonwealth in recent weeks, the impacts of this prolonged dry period are still being felt by producers across Virginia. My administration will continue working with farmers, agricultural partners, and local communities to make sure they have the resources they need to weather these

conditions and protect our agricultural economy.” The executive order became effective on Sept. 16 and remains in force for 45 days unless amended or rescinded. The over-width waiver will go into effect on Oct. 1 and will remain in force for 30 days. The 15-day period between the start of the executive order and the beginning of the over-width waiver will allow farmers time to source hay and transportation in order to maximize their use of the state-issued emergency waiver, which federal regulations limits to 30 days.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE SEPT. 18 TO SEPT. 25

FRIDAY, 9/18

Field Hockey

Holly Grove Christian at Crisfield, 4 p.m.

Football

Arcadia at Snow Hill, 6 p.m.
Fishburne Military at Chincoteague, 6 p.m.
Nandua at Amelia County, 6:30 p.m.
Northampton at Windsor, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, 9/19

Boys & Girls Cross-Country

Broadwater Academy at Peninsula Catholic Inv., 9 a.m.

Football

Southampton Academy at Broadwater Academy, 2 p.m.

Volleyball

Chincoteague, Nandua at Middlesex tourney, 8 a.m.

MONDAY, 9/21

Field Hockey

Holly Grove Christian at Sussex Tech, 4 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Greenwood Mennonite at Holly Grove Christian, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Northampton at Mathews, 7 p.m.
Greenwood Mennonite at Holly Grove Christian, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9/22

Golf

Nandua at Worcester Prep, 3 p.m.
Holly Grove Christian at The Salisbury School, 3:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Faith Baptist at Holly Grove Christian, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Arcadia at Mathews, 7 p.m.
Worcester Prep at Nandua, 5:30 p.m.
Faith Baptist at Holly Grove Christian, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9/23

Boys Cross-Country

Arcadia, Chincoteague, Nandua at Northampton, 4 p.m.

Girls Cross-Country

Chincoteague, Nandua at Northampton, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Broadwater Academy at Chincoteague, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/24

Field Hockey

Parkside at Holly Grove Christian, 4 p.m.

Football

Northampton at West Point, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Holly Grove Christian at Worcester Prep, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Holly Grove Christian at Chincoteague, 5 p.m.
Nandua at Norfolk Christian, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 9/25

Football

Westmoreland at Arcadia, 6 p.m.
Kent County at Nandua, 6 p.m.

LADY SHORES 18U SOFTBALL FINISHES SECOND



PHOTO COURTESY KRISTEN TRAVIS

The Lady Shores 18U softball team competed in the Peninsula Fall Opener, held Sept. 12 and 13 in Newport News. The team delivered a strong performance throughout the tournament, finishing the weekend with a 2-1-1 record. The Lady Shores advanced to the championship game and earned runner-up honors in the gold bracket. Pictured from left in the back row are Coach Butch Travis, Cassidy Hickman, Carly Clayton, Elana Hickman, Hayden Cornish, Payton Taylor, Brynna Travis, Madison Annis, and Coach Stewart Annis. In the front row are Ella Powell, Amirrah Church, Ava Webb, and Faith Stadler. Not pictured are Parker Travis and Coach Dale Wright.

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Rabies exposure on the rise

Local health departments across Virginia have reported an increase in the number of potential rabies exposures this season, many of which are related to bat encounters. In addition, some of Virginia's health districts have reported an increase in the number of people undergoing rabies post-exposure vaccinations.

On Sept. 10, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a health alert reporting a nationwide increase in human rabies exposures.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. It kills almost any mammal or human who is infected once symptoms begin. The rabies virus is mainly in the saliva and brain of rabid animals. It can be transmitted through a bite or by getting saliva or brain tissue in a wound or in the eye or mouth.

In the case of an animal bite

- Don't panic, but don't ignore the bite either. To decrease the chance of infection, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and lots of water. Give first aid as with any wound.

- If it can be done safely, capture or confine the animal that caused the bite, or at least identify it before it runs away. Don't try to pick the animal up. If the animal is owned, get the name and contact information for the owner. Call the local health department or animal protection office for further instructions.

- Don't damage the head of any animal that might need to be tested for rabies. The brain will be needed for the test.

- Notify a doctor promptly and explain how and when the bite occurred and whether or not the bite has been reported to local authorities.

- Doctors may call the health department to discuss whether or not bite victims need to start the rabies vaccine series and will help address other concerns about the bite. Rabies treatment no longer involves injections in the abdomen and most are given in the arm.

Take special care around bats

People can be exposed to rabies by bats without knowing they were bitten. Seek medical advice even in the absence of an obvious bite wound if direct contact was made with a bat or a bat has been found in a room with:

- Someone sleeping
- An unattended, small child
- Someone mentally or physically challenged
- An intoxicated person

Bats that may have exposed people or animals to rabies should be collected safely for possible testing. They should not be released.

Bats may be contained in a room by closing windows and doors. Use caution when trying to capture a bat. Wear gloves and use a container, like a coffee can or a box, to place over the bat and then slide and secure a piece of cardboard between the container and the bat.

Call the local health department for advice about testing and medical care. A local health department directory can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4psjbfjh>. For more information about rabies, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3csmcejy>.

Help control rabies

Vaccinate dogs, cats, ferrets, and selected livestock. Keep the vaccinations up-to-date.

If a pet is attacked or bitten by a wild animal, report it to the local health or animal control authorities. Be sure the vaccinated dog, cat, or ferret receives a booster vaccination.

Limit the possibility of exposure by not letting pets roam free.

Do not leave garbage or pet food outside. It may attract wild or stray animals.

Do not keep wild animals as pets. Enjoy all wild animals from a distance, even if they seem friendly. A rabid animal sometimes acts tame. If an animal is acting strangely, report it to the local animal control department and do not go near it.

Blue catfish processing grants open

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is currently accepting grant funding applications for projects that will help expand the commercial fishing and processing of blue catfish in the commonwealth.

Applications for the Governor's Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Oct. 30.

The Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program awards reimbursable grants of up to \$250,000 to support infrastructure development projects that directly support local food production, enhance environmental sustainability, and demonstrate a broad community benefit.

Grant funds should be used pri-

marily for capital expenditures. Grant priority will be given to the following project types:

■ Projects that create processing, flash freezing, and infrastructure capacity in proximity to small-scale blue catfish watermen.

■ Processing facilities that are primarily locally owned, including packaging, freezing, and labeling facilities that are used for processing blue catfish.

■ Projects that involve or incorporate existing seafood processors and businesses.

■ Projects located in the localities of the Rural Coastal Virginia Community Enhancement Authority or in Planning District 23.

Introduced several decades ago as a recreational trophy fish, blue catfish is an invasive species and ag-

gressive predator that has thriving populations in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Blue catfish pose a significant threat to the ecosystem of the Chesapeake Bay, as it eats native species including shad, herring, striped bass, menhaden, clams, and blue crabs.

Additional information and the application for this grant opportunity are available at <https://tinyurl.com/mpjz36yd>

Completed grant funding applications should be emailed prior to the due date to Rachel Meyers, Office of Agriculture and Forestry Development, at rachel.meyers@vdacs.virginia.gov or postmarked by Oct. 30 and sent by postal mail to the VDACS Office of Agriculture and Forestry Development, 102 Governor St., Richmond, VA 23219.

Kiptopeke State Park awarded grant

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Federal Highway Administration awarded grants to seven trail projects, including one to Kiptopeke State Park, through the Recreational Trails Program, which is a federal matching reimbursement program established to construct and rehabilitate recreational trails and trail-related facilities.

A total of \$1.3 million was awarded to the selected projects, representing nonmotorized, motorized, and diverse trail uses across the commonwealth.

Kiptopeke State Park in Cape Charles received a \$50,000 award for boardwalk repairs.

The Division of Planning and Recreation Resources at the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation provides comprehensive outdoor recreation planning and builds facilities within state parks.



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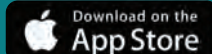
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Spanberger, Chesapeake Bay Commission visit island

The Chesapeake Bay Commission traveled to Tangier and highlighted efforts to preserve and protect the island during the group's September meeting.

In her first formal trip to Tangier since being elected, Gov. Abigail Spanberger joined commission members and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on Tangier, emphasizing her administration's commitment to supporting the island.

"As Virginia's last inhabited island in the Chesapeake Bay, it is imperative that we continue to support Tangier and the Virginians who call it home," Spanberger said in a statement after meeting with local leaders and commission members.

The visits came amid recently bolstered efforts between local, state, and federal partners to preserve the island and make it more resilient to rising threats from erosion and sea-level rise.

The Chesapeake Bay Commission held its September meeting on Thursday,



Gov. Abigail Spanberger, left, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation President and CEO Hilary Harp Falk, right, pose for a picture at Lorraine's Seafood Restaurant on Tangier on Sept. 10.

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communities around the globe.

"Success preserving and restoring the island and its surroundings will not only help ensure its culture and way of life can endure, but it can also provide a model of what's possible when communities, governments, and conservation partners work hand in hand," she said.

Work on Tangier, which has lost two-thirds of its land mass since 1850, can serve as a model for how the nation can leverage nature-based solutions and inform the response of coastal communities across the country facing erosion and sea-level rise.

With the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's environmental education center adjacent to Tangier on Port Isobel, the model could also help educate the next generation about restoration efforts to protect the bay and its unique communities as they are challenged by sea-level rise, erosion, and stronger storms.

At the town's request, the foundation is administering a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant intended to help preserve Tangier by developing a shoreline adaptation plan.

This is a comprehensive roadmap to protecting the island from accelerating coastal erosion, intense storms, and longterm sea-level rise.

The plan is an essential first step for the island to earn state and federal grants for resiliency projects. The town is seeking funding to support the final planning and permitting phase for a combined restoration and protection project.

An existing partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Old Dominion University's Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience is supporting Tangier in pursuing a broad-based adaptation plan.

Expanding the coalition to include other key stakeholders like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Accomack County, and federal and state officials is the kind of multi-layered partnership model that will be needed to protect similarly situated coastal communities across the U.S.

Sept. 10, and Friday, Sept. 11, on Tangier and neighboring Port Isobel Island, which is home to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's environmental education center.

During the meetings, commission members renewed their commitment to implementing the revised Chesapeake Bay Agreement, which sets various targets on pollution reduction and restoration in the bay watershed by 2040.

Members also learned more about the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's initiatives to protect and preserve Tangier and Port Isobel.

"There is no better place than Tangier for the Chesapeake Bay Commission to reaffirm its commitment to meeting our longterm bay cleanup goals," said Hilary Harp Falk, Chesapeake Bay Foundation president and CEO. "We're grateful that Gov. Spanberger and commission members took the time to learn about the issues Tangier is facing and the kinds of resilience efforts it will take to preserve the island and its people."

Falk, who also spoke to the commission about the foundation's environmental education programs on nearby Port Isobel, noted that Tangier presents a preview of challenges facing coastal

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Shore organizations to hold nonprofit workshop Oct. 14

“Fundraising Forward: The Return Visit,” is a full day of training and networking for local nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers, on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Center in Melfa from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission, and United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore are hosting the workshop, which brings back Patrick Kirby, founder of Do Good Better Consulting and author of “Fundraise Awesome,” after a sold-out session last year.

Kirby works with nonprofits of

all sizes to bring bolder strategy and more fun into fundraising.

“Last year’s feedback was overwhelmingly positive, so we brought Patrick back,” said Monika Bridgforth, executive director of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation. “His energy is contagious, and every nonprofit in the room walks away with real, practical steps to raise more, do more, and serve more people here on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.”

The morning session includes a Board Boot Camp geared toward nonprofit board members, along with a look at the state of the sector.

The working lunch will include a Funder Panel, featuring local and regional foundations and philan-

thropists discussing what they fund, what they’re looking for in 2026, and how to make a standout ask.

The afternoon continues with a session on integrating AI and analog approaches, hands-on end-of-year planning, and a wrap-up focused on action plans.

Here is the day at a glance:

- 8 to 8:30 a.m. — Registration and Networking Coffee
- 8:30 to 11 a.m. — Board Boot Camp
- 11:15 a.m. to noon — State of the Sector
- Noon to 1 p.m. — Funder Panel and Working Lunch
- 1 to 1:45 p.m. — AI Update
- 1:45 to 2:15 p.m. — Success-

fully Integrating AI and Analog Approaches

■ 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. — Hands-On End-of-Year Planning

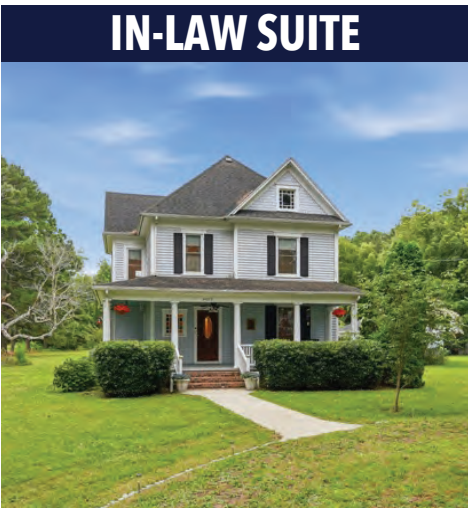
■ 3:45 to 4 p.m. — Wrap-Up and Action Plans

Registration is open now for the workshop at www.esvachamber.org

There are three registration options: a full-day pass from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for \$45, a pass for the morning session only from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for \$30, or the afternoon session only from noon to 4 p.m., for \$30. All options include lunch.

Seats are limited, and early registration is recommended.

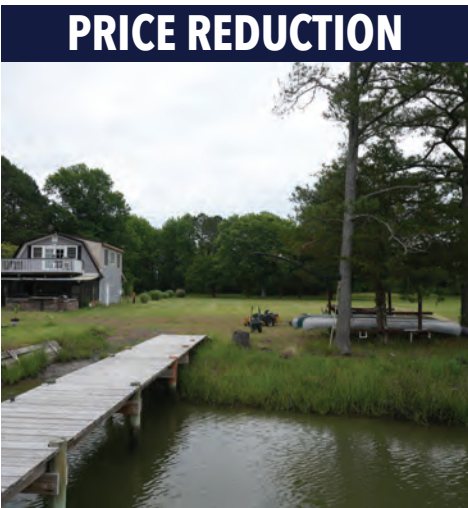
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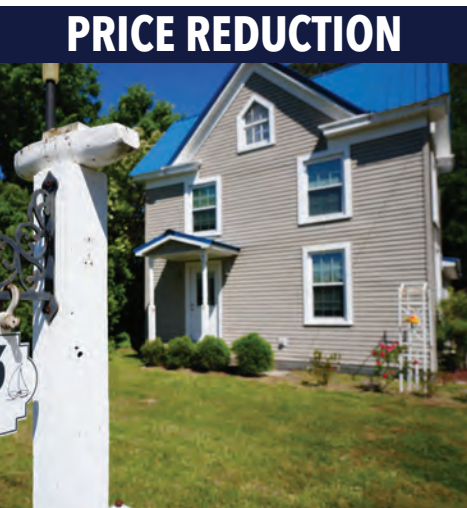
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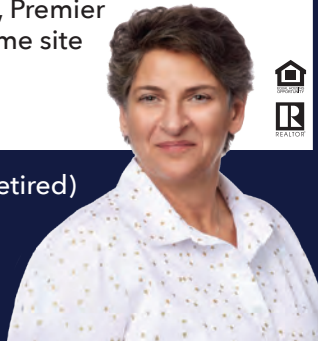
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Bay grasses reach new heights

Underwater grasses across the Chesapeake Bay reached their highest point since 2018, though some rivers continue to see troubling declines, according to 2025 survey results released by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Providing numerous ecosystem benefits but sensitive to pollution, underwater grasses are strong indicators of the bay’s overall health.

The annual survey recorded a total of 89,385 acres of underwater grasses, an increase of more than 6,000 acres compared to 2024 results.

This nearly reaches the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement’s 2030 interim goal of 90,000 acres, though much work remains to meet the longterm goal of 196,600 acres by 2040.

“Increased underwater grass coverage is a clear sign of how the bay is healing,” said Joe Wood, Chesapeake Bay Foundation Virginia senior scientist. “While there’s plenty to celebrate with more grasses in saltier parts of the bay, the declines in many rivers, including the Rappahannock, reveal that significant work remains. Polluted runoff from sources like development and agriculture remains a big threat to underwater grasses, and this is exacerbated by rising temperatures and more intense storms fueled by climate change.

“State and federal leaders have their work cut out for them to meet their commitments of 196,600 acres of grasses by 2040. Now is the

time to double down on efforts to reduce pollution to the bay and its rivers and streams.”

The overall gains mask troubling declines in several of the bay’s rivers. Underwater grasses have seen the biggest increases in the bay’s saltier waters. Meanwhile, sections of some rivers in Maryland and Virginia have experienced dramatic drops in underwater grasses.

Those include parts of the Potomac, Patapsco, Gunpowder, Rappahannock, and James rivers. In the 2024 results saltier portions of the bay also saw the largest gains.

Underwater grasses have many benefits. They lead to cleaner water and provide shelter and food for bay species like blue crabs, fish, and waterfowl. They also mitigate climate change and diminish acidification caused in part by greenhouse gas emissions.

“Underwater grass gains across the bay are welcome news, but Maryland’s rivers tell a more complicated story,” said Chesapeake Bay Foundation Maryland Coastal Resource Scientist Julie Luecke. “Declines in places like the Patapsco, Gunpowder, and Potomac show the pressure from polluted runoff and increasingly intense rainstorms.

“For thriving grasses across the region, we need more than celebration. We need action. The underwater grasses survey results show that state and federal leaders still have a lot of work ahead to meet their commitment of 196,600 acres of grasses by 2040.”

p.m. Voting will be conducted electronically via ElectionBuddy.

Members in good standing and eligible to vote will receive an electronic ballot with instructions for casting their vote during the designated election period.

NAACP to hold branch election

The Northampton County Branch of the NAACP will hold its branch election on Monday, Nov. 16, 2026, from 7 to 11

Screening planned for history film

A movie screening is being held at the Roseland Theatre in Onancock for “The American Constitution,” which explores the dramatic origin story of the American system of government.

The free public screening will take place on Thursday, Oct. 22, with two screenings being offered. One will be at 10 a.m., which will be open for school field trips and the public. A 7 p.m. screening will also be open to the public.

Created by award-winning filmmaker David Garrigus, “The American Constitution” brings the Constitutional Convention and the creation of one of history’s most influential documents to life.

Drawing exclusively from the founders’ own words preserved in the historical record, the film features an accomplished cast portraying the passionate debates among George Washington, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and other central figures.

Following the evening screening, audience members will have a special opportunity to participate in a live question-and-answer session with Eastern Shore historian Dennis Cus-tis.

“We are thrilled to bring this powerful film to our community,” said Hilary Hartnett-Wilson, executive director of Shore History. “Understanding the ideas and debates that shaped our system of government remains vitally important. This event gives our neighbors an engaging opportunity to explore that history and join the conversation.”

The screening is free for all students age 18 and under, tickets are \$10 for all others.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office.

Shore History’s mission is to preserve and interpret Eastern Shore History and to educate the community about its past.

Shore students make president’s list

Southern New Hampshire University named three Eastern Shore students to the president’s list for the summer semester.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the president’s list.

- The students recognized were:
- Andrew Bugaj, of Greenbackville
 - Cody Anderson, of Atlantic
 - Austin Studebaker, of Horn-town

Shore students named to dean’s list

Four Eastern Shore students were named to the dean’s list at Southern New Hampshire University for the

summer semester.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the dean’s list.

- The students recognized were:
- Joanna Zavala, of Greenbush
 - Shavon Snead, of Painter
 - Randall Blevins, of Temperanceville
 - Andrew Willis, of Greenbackville

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 94-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, the university offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and at its 300-acre campus in Manchester, N.H.

Southern New Hampshire University is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

September is Suicide Prevention Month

BY KARRIE PHILLIPS
Guest columnist

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Many individuals who are struggling with suicidal thoughts do so alone due to the stigma around suicide and the lack of knowledge of resources available to assist them. We can help to break that stigma by talking about suicide in a direct and open way and by increasing awareness of resources that are available to help those that may be struggling.

988 is the National Crisis Lifeline. It is available 24/7. You can call or text 988 to be connected with a live counselor. There are special options available, such as veteran-specific resources, a wide variety of languages, and even video calling options for American Sign Language users and the deaf and

hard of hearing community. 988 is area code-specific, so if you are calling or texting, you will get resources tailored to your area. Therefore, if you live on the Shore but do not have a 757 area code, make sure to let them know the zip code you are actually in.

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board also offers a variety of suicide resources. The ESCSB Prevention Services department offers a free course called Safe Talk: Suicide Awareness for Everyone. Safe Talk is an interactive, engaging workshop that helps participants see and respond to the signs of suicidal ideation safely, confidently, and compassionately. This course is for anyone who wants to learn to recognize the signs of suicidal ideation and become a valuable resource to those in need.

ESCSB also has an emergency services

line that is available 24/7 for individuals and families experiencing crisis or an involved party who is concerned about the person in crisis. Our emergency services team is composed of state-certified, licensed, and experienced clinicians who are available on the Eastern Shore. The number to reach emergency services is (757) 442-7707.

The ESCSB also offers comprehensive mental health and substance use outpatient services, as well as same-day access services. Walk into our location at 18469 Dunne Ave. in Parksley between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, to be seen the same day for registration and intake services. Or you may visit our location at 36128 Indian Lane in Belle Haven between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

You can make a difference in the fight against suicide with just a simple con-

versation. Check in on your friends and neighbors to see how they are doing — not just a “How are you?” in passing; really have a conversation with them about how things are going.

You could extend a helping hand to a community member in need or just simply smile at someone you pass in the store. It is the little things, the simple things, that can truly spread kindness and make someone feel a little less alone, which may just make all the difference for someone who is struggling.

For more information about the mental health and substance use services offered by the Eastern Shore Community Services board, for a list of training available, or for emergency service support please visit www.ESCSB.org

■ *Karrie Phillips is a senior prevention specialist at the Eastern Shore Community Services Board.*



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Machipongo man found guilty in murder, car fire

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

A Machipongo man was convicted of second-degree murder and arson in a four-day trial.

The bulk of the evidence was circumstantial, produced by modern technology, and combined with painstaking police analysis.

In the end, the evidence and riveting testimony by a female friend of the accused were enough for a jury to find Ceonta Jamar Kellam, 35, guilty.

Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan described the case as "one of the most complicated ever heard in this courtroom."

On Dec. 15, 2024, 30-year-old Warren Fosque III was found shot to death in the woods on Green Hill Road in the Oak Hall area.

Not far away was his white work truck, which was burned "to a shell," said Morgan. The fire was so intense it spread to the nearby woods.

Fosque had returned home for a family birthday from Williamsburg, where he lived and worked, according to testimony.

On Dec. 14, Kellam, Fosque, and others in their orbit were seen on surveillance cameras at drinking establishments in Pocomoke, Chincoteague, and Temperanceville.

Their locations were also confirmed with cellphone location records. Fosque was driving his white work truck.

Incriminating text messages were found between Kellam and a woman who had a child with him.

A search warrant executed on her home found the clothing Kellam was seen on video wearing the morning of

the murder, as well as his 9 mm handgun and ammunition.

The Commonwealth called dozens of witnesses to prove its case.

There were witnesses who called 911 after seeing vehicles matching the descriptions of Kellam and Fosque's blocking Green Hill Road at 3 a.m.

Additionally, an early-morning hunter saw the woods on fire and reported it to authorities.

As for physical evidence, four cartridge casings consistent with Fosque's gun were found in the area near his truck and his body.

There was plenty of circumstantial evidence, both from witnesses and from technology, but defense attorney Patrick Bales argued that there was no direct evidence connecting his client to the crimes.

The Commonwealth's final witness was a woman who said she and Kellam were longtime friends. She spoke slowly and carefully, telling her story in great detail.

She said she and the defendant had numerous phone conversations in the evening and into the early morning hours of Dec. 15.

She said Kellam, whose nickname was Chuck, asked her to pick him up at the Sonic Drive-In in Oak Hall at 2 a.m.

When she arrived she could not find him and returned home.

He called her again. During that call, she heard him arguing with someone in the background, she said.

He continued to call her, asking her to pick him up. He said he was on a back road in New Church.

"The argument got worse each time

he called me," she testified.

Kellam called her again.

"Chuck and the man were arguing about him not getting out of the car," she said. She heard the defendant say, "Why are you pointing the gun at me."

"Then, there was no more talking. There were just gunshots," she said. "Next, I heard feet on the ground. It sounded like somebody was running."

She said she got out of bed and into her car in a panic.

"I thought somebody shot Chuck. I thought he was hurt," she said.

She drove around and around trying to locate him. She could not and finally went home and continued calling him.

When he finally answered her call, she said the background was quiet and he told her he was okay and at Royal Farms.

Her speech was slow but she spoke deliberately, confidently, and in great detail.

When Morgan asked her about her manner of speech, she explained she had a head injury.

"I was hit in the temple with a gun a few weeks ago," she said.

Her boyfriend assaulted her and told her Kellam would not be convicted without her testimony, she said.

His was not the only threat she received about her impending testimony.

"I didn't have a choice," she said referring to her testimony. "I had to move away because it wasn't safe here."

The jury deliberated for less than four hours before finding Ceonta Kellam guilty of second-degree murder, arson, and use of a firearm in the commission of a murder.



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Onancock to hold restaurant week

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Restaurant weeks can be an affordable way to try a variety of menu items at a new spot or a favorite restaurant without breaking the bank.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/55wyksbc> for more information and a list of participating restaurants.

Onancock Restaurant week is being organized by Onancock Main Street.

Flock camera representative defends company to council

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

A manager for Flock Safety, the company that manufactures and affixes cameras in communities to deter crime, gave a presentation at Monday night's meeting of the Exmore Town Council to provide information on Flock cameras.

Billy Moore, a regional account executive for Flock Safety, said the cameras are more than just security cameras.

Flock cameras are designed to track and document the locations of the subjects it records by reading license plates automatically.

Moore stated at the meeting that the cameras record license plates for the sake of criminal investigations.

They do not perform facial recognition, connect to the Department of Motor Vehicles, or issue traffic tickets automatically, he said.

Lt. Steve Lewis, of the Northampton County Sheriff's Office, said there are many instances of crimes solved in recent years in the county that would not have been possible without the automated license plate readers, or ALPRs.

"There's just so much that Flock does for us," Lewis said.

Moore said that the cameras only store data for 21 days after the day it is collected, and that data is never sold by Flock.

Firefighters need help

Jeff Flournoy, of the Community Volunteer Fire Company of Exmore, spoke at the town council meeting about the ongoing issue of the fire company needing help.

Flournoy described the fire company as being "significantly understaffed" and warned that the fire company may not be able to do its job in a timely manner if the staffing issue persists.

Greg DeYoung, Northampton County director of emergency medical services, agreed, adding, "This is not a new problem."

Flournoy said the station has begun

the process of having career firefighters in Exmore, rather than relying on an entirely volunteer staff.

Police vehicle questions

Exmore has more than \$100,000 of federal funds remaining from the American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA, that it must spend on items by the end of the year or it loses it.

The town had two police cars that were about 10 years old and during July's meeting voted to purchase a new Dodge Durango for \$46,000 to replace one of them.

Town Manager Pam Ward said that their preferred vehicle, a Dodge Charger, will not be available for purchase anywhere before the end of the year. She said the town began looking at a Mustang GT to replace the other unit.

Ward said she got three quotes on all-black Mustang GTs, and Preston Ford of Keller quoted a price of \$45,547, which equaled the other best quote.

There was some skepticism, namely among town council members Bryon Heaster and Chase Sturgis, on whether or not the car would be well-suited to Exmore's police work.

Heaster did not think a Mustang would be practical for police work, and Sturgis questioned whether or not one was needed considering Exmore's town-wide speed limit of 45 miles per hour.

Mayor Douglas Greer expressed concern over the Mustang not having a usable back seat, but police chief Adam Zieger said the back seats of the cars they have now carry equipment and are not used.

Zieger also said he expects maintenance on a Mustang to be less than a police Dodge Durango or Ford Explorer because the heavier SUVs consume tires and brakes more quickly, he said.

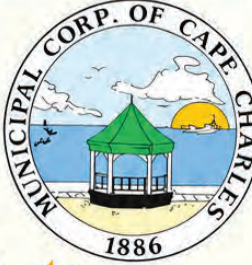
No vote was taken on the matter, with the council choosing to revisit it next month with more information, despite a competitively-priced car being available locally at the time of the meeting.



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New marquee will bring modern touch to historic facade

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Chincoteague's Island Theatre will be receiving a new marquee to replace the longstanding manual letterboard at the front entrance.

The historic theater will receive a digital sign in its place, but the iconic structure on the front will be preserved, still jutting out over the Main Street sidewalk.

"We've been planning this for quite a while," said Mike Smith, president of the board of directors for the theater.

Smith said the board was mindful about updating the old system while not altering the aesthetics of the theater.

The change was approved by Chincoteague's planning commission and the town council.

The new sign will be funded by supporters of the Island Theatre and a state grant. Smith noted that David Landsberger, a well-known donor to many projects on the island, has been a big donor to the theater.

One town council member said she had multiple people messaging her asking for the start date so they could watch the installation, Smith said.

He said he does not yet know when the contractor, Selby Sign Company from Pocomoke City, will begin work on the digital sign, but they will be expecting spectators when the day does arrive.

Smith said that he has heard no opposition and only support about the change. He said nobody spoke against the change at either the planning commission meeting or the town council meeting.

"I think the response has been uniformly positive," he said.

The Island Theatre was built in the 1940s and has long been a staple of Main Street and Chincoteague Island in the years since.

Its legacy was bolstered in 1961 when, during the premiere of the movie adaptation of "Misty of Chincoteague" on the island, Misty left her hoofprints in the concrete in front of the theater, which still remain today.

The theater stood roughly across the street from where the former Chincoteague swing bridge connected to the island before the route was changed in 2010 to connect to Maddox Boulevard.

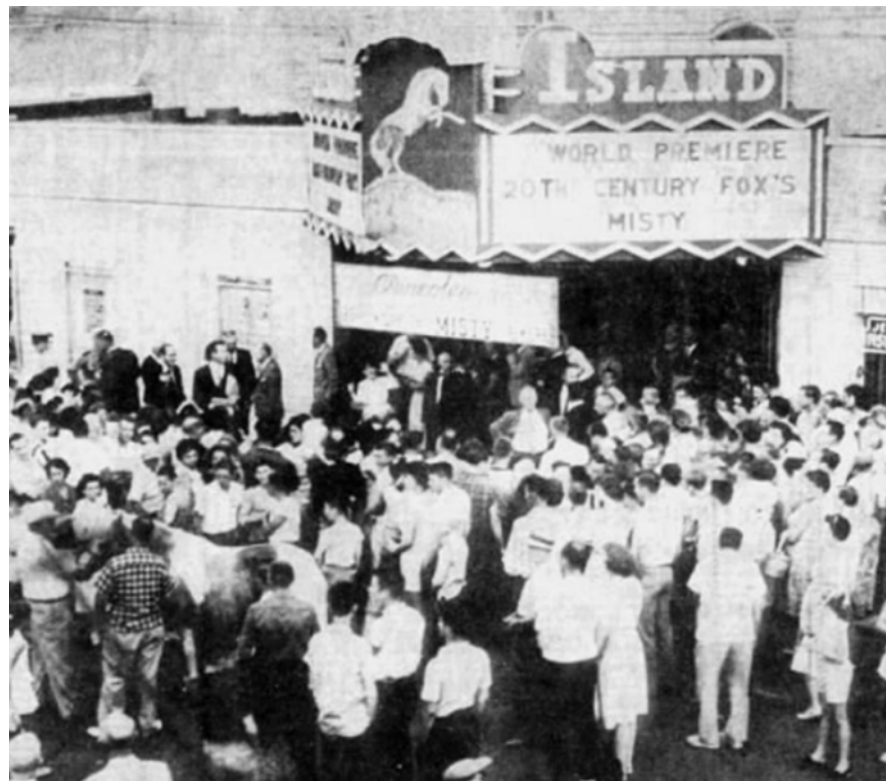
The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization, or CIAO, has worked to keep the theater operating and a hub for activity.

Today, the theater regularly hosts classic movies, theatrical plays, and events. More information about the theater and the CIAO can be found at <https://chincoteagueislandarts.com/>



EASTERN SHORE POST/
JIMMY SHOCKLEY

The famous Island Theatre (above) on Main Street, Chincoteague, will be getting a new digital marquee. The timeless look of the theater, however, will be unaltered.



The Island Theatre hosted the premiere of the movie "Misty," based on the children's novel, "Misty of Chincoteague," drawing a large crowd to the event (left).

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MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICE OPENS

Veterinarian Hope Valentine, center, cuts the ribbon to officially start her new, mobile veterinary service: Dr. Hope for Pets and Their People. Joining at the Sept. 3 ceremony in Cape Charles' Central Park are, from left, Elizabeth Garden, of Salisbury, Md.; Cape Charles town council members Tara Ashworth and Tammy Holloway; Adam Charney, mayor; Valentine, of Cape Charles; Robert Sabbatini, executive director, Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce; town council members Ken Butta and Paul Grossman, and Virginia Maldonado, of Cape Charles.

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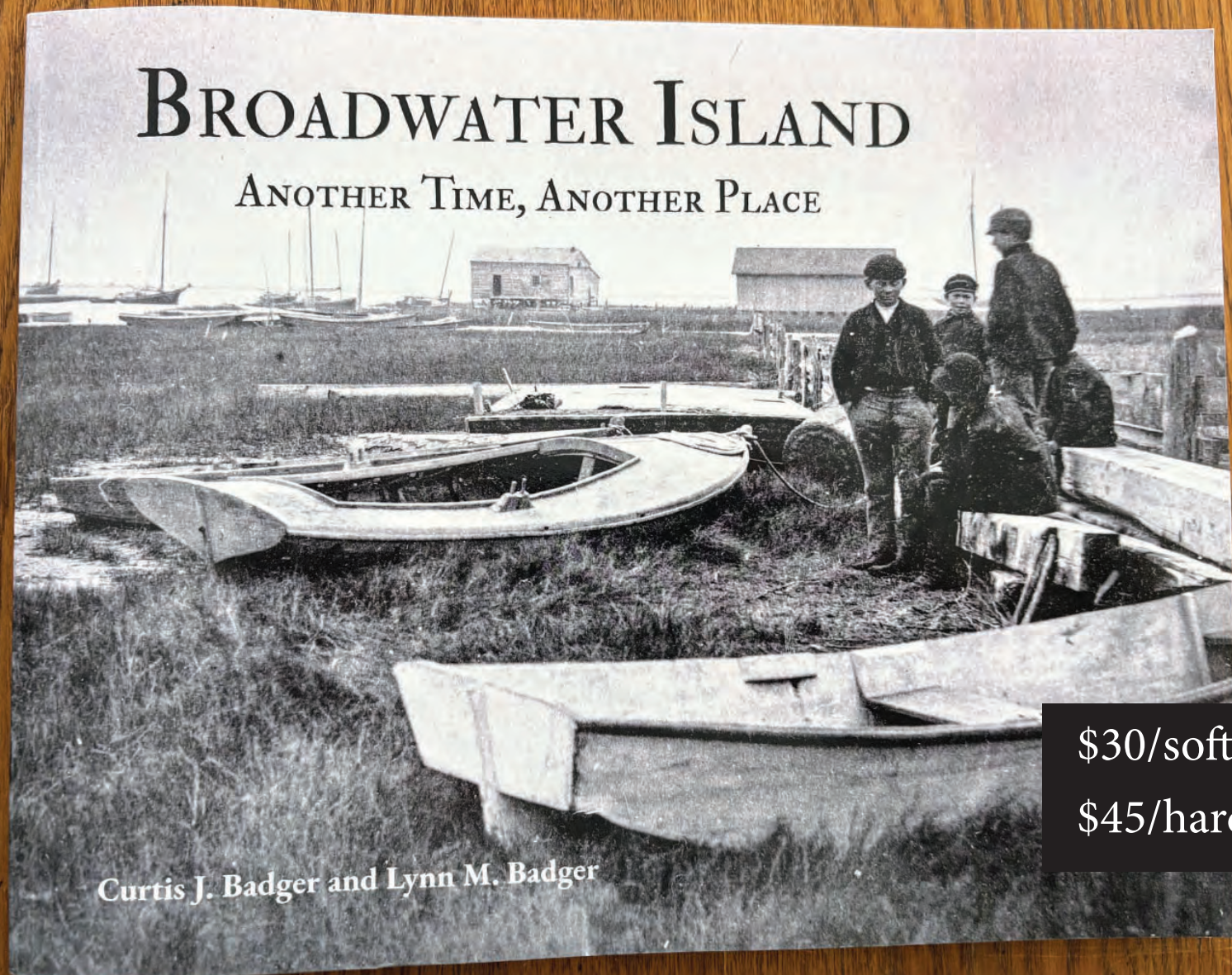


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What remains of Broadwater Island today lies under the sea, but a treasure of photographs has been found that brings the island development back to life. Curtis and Lynn Badger spent two years researching legal documents and newspaper archives, and they have created a written narrative that couples with the photographs to provide a fascinating account of another time and another place on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Copies of *Broadwater Island – Another Time, Another Place* are available directly from the publisher, Salt Water Media in Berlin.

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County will require traffic study for new chicken houses

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, Sept. 16, unanimously approved a measure that would require a Virginia Department of Transportation traffic study as part of the permitting process of large new poultry farms on secondary roads.

The measure was initiated by Supervisor Jeff Parks, who said VDOT is initiating a traffic study to determine the impact of a large poultry farm on Big Road near Parksley that has prompted concern from neighbors.

He said the issue of poultry-farm transportation issues is “bigger than just our district,” saying there are similar concerns countywide.

“We have great partners in the poultry industry,” Parks said, adding that the county’s business-friendly environment makes Accomack attractive to others.

But, he said, “We may not have the compliance rules in effect to properly manage it.”

“Our current requirements for chicken houses do not look at transportation,” he said. “It is a safety hazard.”

“This is a legitimate issue for the whole county,” he said.

The vote came after the board of supervisors heard from Shannon and Barry Satterwhite, who live on Big Road and are concerned about a large-scale poultry operation locating near their home.

The Satterwhites said they expect 80 chicken trucks every 10 weeks on the road.

A Delaware-based company has begun the permitting process for building poultry houses less than a mile from Parksley on Big Road, in close proximity to residences.

According to a March letter issued to adjacent property owners, Musfirah Farm, LLC, was applying to the Department of Environmental Quality to

‘This is a legitimate issue for the whole county.’

Accomack County Supervisor Jeff Parks, speaking about the impact on secondary roads from truck traffic servicing large poultry farms

get a poultry waste management general permit.

The letter also stated the operation could contain up to 400,000 broiler chickens.

Accomack County has few barriers in place to prevent the construction of chicken houses in the county. The land for the project is zoned for agricultural use, and poultry farms are allowed by right in agricultural zoning.

Since they are permitted by right, the county’s board of supervisors does not need to approve the project, the planning commission does not have to review it, and no public hearings will be held.

Shannon Satterwhite said her husband measured the width of the road and said 10-foot-wide trucks would be traversing the 15-foot-wide road.

“They’re going to be tapping mirrors if they meet each other,” Barry Satterwhite said.

He said Big Road “can barely handle the farm trucks” in the area.

Shannon Satterwhite said she has been told tractor-trailer trucks hauling chicken and feed to the facility will go through Parksley to access the farm.

“There’s no way those trucks are going to be making a turn on that road, either,” she said.

April Barnes, another Big Road resident, told the board of supervisors that the “road has no shoulder” and “we are very much in opposition to this.”

County jail conditions continue to draw concern from speaker

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

For the second time in two months, a Melfa woman shared her concerns about conditions at the Accomack County Jail with the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.

Nicole Shrieves wondered aloud during the Wednesday, Sept. 16, supervisors meeting if “revenue is a factor” in keeping the jail open. The facility does not have air conditioning or classroom space.

Two decades ago Accomack County partnered with Northampton County to open the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, a 248-bed facility in Eastville with modern amenities. However, the regional jail has never come close to reaching its capacity, and Accomack continues to house inmates at its county jail.

“Residents are probably asking why does this jail remain open” when there is a modern regional facility to which the county has access.

Last month Shrieves said “extreme summer heat” at the Accomack jail is unsafe for those incarcerated, the sheriff’s office staff, and visitors.

She asked supervisors if they have “personally walked through the jail and experienced the conditions inside.”

Shrieves said she visits an inmate at the Accomack jail about twice a month.

Supervisor Calvin Washington told Shrieves that he has toured the jail since she raised concerns. However, during the meeting Washington did not give his impression or thoughts on what he saw at the jail.

Supervisors Vanessa Kay Johnson and Donald Hart Jr. said they plan to tour the facility. Board Chair Reneta Major said the county is “looking into” Shrieves’ concerns.

Shrieves said she was grateful that the “harsh” summer temperatures had subsided and the jail would be cooler.

Last month, Shrieves cited state

regulations specifying a minimum temperature of 65 degrees in jails during the winter.

However, she said there was no state-required maximum temperature in the jails. She said when indoor temperatures exceed 85 degrees, fans or mechanical ventilation are required.

She said one records request from the jail showed “indoor temperatures at the jail are not regularly monitored or recorded.”

“That raises a simple but important question: If temperatures are not being measured, how can anyone determine when they exceed 85 degrees — or whether the fans being used are enough to protect the people inside?”

She also said the jail passes state board inspections “only by meeting the bare minimum requirements currently on the books.”

During the September county meeting, Shrieves said her goal was not to close down the jail “right now,” but she admitted, “I believe that eventually that conversation needs to be had.”

She said the county jail is the only Accomack County-owned building that is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and that upkeep and adequate conditions should be a priority in all county buildings, regardless of their use.

“How a building is used is not an excuse to ignore the condition,” she said.

She said she was not asking the board of supervisors to excuse the choices made by inmates or erase the consequences for their actions, but “their humanity does not end at the door” of the jail.

She ended with a Bible verse from Hebrews 13:3, which states, “Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”

She also said she would continue to address jail conditions.

“I probably will be back again next month,” she said.



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School board

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coteague — resigned in part because of the way Bloxom was treated during the process. The day before Speidel resigned, the school system's human resources director abruptly resigned after one year on the job.

It also exposed a school system having surprising difficulty with the most basic tasks of employment. Bloxom, who does not have a bachelor's degree, applied for the new full-time position in July after a job description showed experience would be accepted in lieu of a degree. It was quickly changed to require a degree after what Miller called an "administrative error."

Then in August, in a stunning breach of confidentiality, school administrators posted online an incorrect personnel list that showed Anson had been hired to replace Bloxom.

In fact, the school board had not approved the hiring of Anson, who already had left his job at Broadwater. In extraordinarily rare moves, the school board twice voted to decline Miller's recommendation for the Chincoteague position after vocal community support for Bloxom.

In the third vote, held Tuesday, the school board approved a personnel list that included Anson as the Chincoteague athletic administrator — 22 days after

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**Denise Bowden,
mayor of Chincoteague**

rejecting Anson for the position.

The 4-3 vote — with one abstention — to replace Bloxom roiled Chincoteague Island, which because of Speidel's school board resignation does not have a sitting school board member. Bloxom's supporters had hoped a decision on hiring a new athletic director would be postponed until the seat was filled.

"To have this vote without representation from the island is the most underhanded thing I've seen from the Accomack (County) School Board in my whole life," said Denise

Bowden, Chincoteague's mayor, on Facebook.

The school board will vote to fill the vacant seat, and the lone letter of interest in the position was submitted by Chincoteague resident Traci Robbins, an island native and retired longtime educator with Accomack County Public Schools. Robbins previously spoke at a meeting in favor of Bloxom.

The school board scheduled a Sept. 29 special meeting to act on Robbins' school board appointment — meaning that the meeting in which the school board voted on the Chincoteague athletic administrator position likely will be the only one without a Chincoteague representative on the school board.

Bloxom, who works outside of the school system and was asked to do the \$7,500-a-year athletic director job when nobody else would, tailored his career to immerse himself in the responsibilities of coordinating athletics and coaching at the school.

Bloxom, a 1990 graduate of Chincoteague High School who lives on Chincoteague Island, said he has always sought out employment that would allow him flexibility to make serving as part-time athletic director a priority.

Over the course of two months, dozens of supporters spoke on behalf of Bloxom or wrote letters in support — including middle school-aged

children.

Chairman Edward Taylor, Vice Chairman Jason Weippert, Janet Martin Turner, and Glenn Neal were the school board members who voted to approve the list that included Anson.

School board members Lisa Johnson, Camesha Handy, and Malcolm White voted in opposition. School board member Stefanie Bowmann abstained but did not specify why.

Tuesday's meeting lasted four hours and included a lengthy private session, allowed by law, to discuss personnel. During the meeting's open session, Bloxom's stepfather, Garry Bailey, spoke in support of Bloxom, saying he spent last Sunday mowing athletic fields at Chincoteague Island.

At almost 10:30 p.m., the school board emerged from the closed session and voted on the confidential personnel list. After the vote the list became public, but Taylor rebuffed a reporter's question on whether the Chincoteague position had been filled, saying the list would be posted online the next day.

Taylor walked away from further questions and out of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley, where the meeting was held.

The personnel list including Anson — correctly, this time — was posted on the school board's website 18 hours later.

Soccer

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old friend. But that's not what they'll remember most.

"Luke and I have been playing together since we were kids, so lining up on opposite sides was a strange feeling," said Dix. "It was fun to flip the script. I wish we were able to play at the same time, but that's how the game unfolded."

"It was definitely a cool experience getting to play against Thomas after growing up playing together," added Jones. "It felt a little strange, but I was grateful to be there and experience it. It was a crazy game and it was awesome to be a part of it."

The young men have been eyeing this game on the schedule since Jones signed with the Blue Hens in the spring.

Saturday's game was made even more memorable when Northampton soccer coach Chase Baxa brought a large contingent of players to the contest.

"Having our hometown high school teammates make the trip to support us was awesome," said Dix. "It meant a lot to look up in the stands and see familiar faces from home. Genuinely one of those moments I'll remember for a long time."

Jones agreed.

"It was really cool having Coach Baxa and a bunch of the guys come up to watch," he said. "Having people who played such a big part in our soccer careers made the whole experience even more special."

Now Dix and Jones turn their attention to the rest of their respective seasons and their work in the classroom — Dix majoring in cybersecurity, Jones in kinesiology.

But they'll also meet at least twice more in the next two years. Though in different conferences, the Mountaineers and Blue Hens have met every year since 2022, and assuming that continues, they'll face each other two more times before Dix graduates.

The countdown to next fall's showdown has already begun.

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College soccer player Luke Jones, of playing his old friend Thomas Dix's college team

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Your care, sentiments, and assistance in this time of loss were truly special. May God bless you all.

— Joe Stevens
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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS TWO FULL-TIME & ONE PART-TIME

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for Communications Officers — two full-time and one part-time. Job requires shift work, nights, weekends, and some holidays.

Qualifications: over the age of 18 and have obtained high school diploma or GED.

Salary range: \$40,420 to \$61,544

Applications may be obtained from Northampton County Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347.

MAINTENANCE WORKER III (ELECTRICAL, HVAC, PLUMBING)

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker III. The primary duty of this position is to maintain County facilities and equipment with an emphasis on electrical, HVAC, and plumbing work.

This position requires a valid driver's license, a high school diploma or GED, and at least two years of electrical, HVAC, and plumbing experience. The position will be responsible for a variety of work, including, but not limited to, minor to moderate mechanical, plumbing, and electrical maintenance, repairs and new installations, and coordinating with and overseeing contractors.

Pay Range: \$41,739.48 to \$63,611.10 per year

Starting pay will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Applications may be obtained from the county website at <https://tinyurl.com/yeyuurrm> or in person at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347.

Please submit completed county application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347. Position will be open until filled.

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Requires high school diploma or GED, and one (1) year of related experience. Experience as a building inspector is desired. Provides customer service to the public pertaining to building permits. The position is responsible for performing building inspections and reviewing construction plans.

Requires valid Virginia Driver's License. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$48,261 to \$73,644.

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A bachelor's degree is required; a master's degree is preferred and must be earned by the sixth year of employment.

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Dos Santos Food Pantry (Onley, VA) seeks organized, dependable Operations & Administrative Coordinator. 20 hrs/week, \$25,000 annually. Responsibilities include administrative support, volunteer coordination, fundraising assistance, community outreach, and communications.

Nonprofit experience preferred; bilingual English/Spanish a plus. To apply, send resume to dossantosfoodpantry@gmail.com by October 9. For more information, call 757-710-4352. EOE.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TECHNICIAN - DEPUTY I

The County of Northampton's Commissioner of Revenue is accepting full-time employment applications for PERSONAL PROPERTY TECHNICIAN - DEPUTY I.

This position provides assistance and information related to Personal Property Taxes, Real Estate Taxes, Business Licenses, State Income Tax, and various other job duties to the public and other government agencies. Please see full list of duties in the job description posted on the County website. The salary for this position includes benefits and is \$34,048 to \$40,470, depending on experience.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- High School diploma or GED
- One (1) year of customer service experience and some office administration experience

Please submit the PDF County employment application form on the county website with cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347. Position open until filled.

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FINANCE MANAGER

The Town of Cape Charles is seeking a detail-oriented and motivated Finance Manager who will report directly to the Town Treasurer. This position plays an important role in maintaining the accuracy and integrity of the Town's financial records and supporting the Town's financial operations.

The Finance Manager will perform a variety of professional accounting duties, including general ledger accounting, account reconciliations, financial reporting, budget monitoring, oversight of accounts payable and accounts receivable functions, fixed asset accounting, audit preparation, grant tracking, and financial analysis. Excellent computer and people skills are necessary. This position will work closely with the Treasurer, Town Manager, department heads, employees, auditors, financial institutions, and members of the public. The Finance Manager will fill in for the Treasurer in his or her absence.

The successful candidate will be someone who not only enjoys working with numbers and financial information but who is a collaborator, team player, and a public servant. The successful candidate must have strong attention to detail, the ability to be discreet with confidential information, excellent customer service skills, and the ability to work independently. This person is comfortable balancing routine accounting responsibilities with special projects and problem solving.

What you'll do

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Preparing, reviewing, and posting journal entries to the Town's general ledger
- Assisting with monthly and year-end financial closing activities
- Assisting the Treasurer with preparation of monthly financial and Treasurer's reports
- Monitoring revenues and expenditures and preparing actual-to-budget reports for department heads and management
- Assisting with the Town's annual budget preparation, budget adjustments, and ongoing budget monitoring
- Maintaining fixed asset records and assist with capital project accounting and year-end depreciation updates
- Assisting with preparation for the Town's annual financial audit, including reconciliations, schedules, supporting documentation, and responses to routine auditor requests
- Processing and reconciling various Town revenues, including real estate, personal property, BPOL, harbor, permitting, planning and zoning, and other miscellaneous revenues
- Assisting with tax and utility account reviews, collections, payment agreements, and related account maintenance
- Assisting with banking activities, ACH payments, deposits, credit card reconciliations, and related accounting entries
- Assisting with tax roll updates, exonerations, DMV stops and releases, and other applicable revenue and collection functions
- Preparing bills and financial transactions in the Town's financial management system
- Researching financial information and preparing

spreadsheets, reports, and analyses for Town management and other authorized parties

- Cross training in other Finance Department functions and providing backup coverage for Accounts Payable and payroll when needed
- Providing professional and courteous assistance to taxpayers, customers, employees, vendors, auditors, and members of the public

What we're looking for

- Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or a related field and a minimum of 2 years' experience in accounting; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
- Experience in governmental accounting, municipal finance, budgeting, auditing, revenue collection, or financial management is highly desirable.
- Strong knowledge of accounting principles and practices
- Excellent attention to detail and accuracy
- Strong analytical, organizational, and problem solving skills
- Extensive working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and other Microsoft Office applications
- Experience with accounting or financial management software and the ability to learn new software easily
- The ability to interpret financial information and identify discrepancies or unusual transactions
- Proven customer service experience
- The ability to manage multiple responsibilities, establish priorities, and meet deadlines.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- A commitment to confidentiality, fiscal responsibility, and high-quality public service
- Experience with Virginia local government finance is a plus

Why join the Town of Cape Charles?

This is an excellent opportunity for an accounting professional who wants to apply their skills in a meaningful public-service environment. The Finance Manager will have the opportunity to work across many areas of municipal finance and gain broad experience in budgeting, financial reporting, auditing, revenue administration, grants, and governmental accounting.

The Town values professionalism, teamwork, accountability, and excellent customer service. This position offers the opportunity to become an important member of a small Finance team where your work has a direct impact on the Town and its residents.

Salary range is \$27.12-\$29.33 per hour, (\$56,404-\$61,007 annually) DOQ. This is a full-time non-exempt position that is eligible for overtime with a generous benefit package, including state retirement through VRS.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and a Town Application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 191, 412 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310. Or email to humanresources@capecharles.org.

Town Applications can be downloaded from the Town's website under *Employment Opportunities*, <https://www.capecharles.org/jobs>

Submittals without a complete Town Employment Application will not be considered. Applications will be accepted until this position is filled. EOE.

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Schedule: ~30 hours/week (flexible between departments)

What You'll Do:

- Support HR operations in an administrative role related to recruiting and on-boarding, benefits (to include reconciling invoices), and tracking and organizing staff training.
- Assist with agendas and meetings for Town Council
- Help manage records, public inquiries, and administrative processes
- Assist with public communications and provide information and assistance to members of the public.
- Contribute to special projects across departments

What We're Looking For:

- Strong organizational and multitasking skills as well as the ability to prioritize and work independently on projects
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and Adobe (High command of Excel & Word required)
- Professionalism and ability to handle confidential information with discretion
- Excellent oral and written communication and customer service skills
- Strong analytical and mathematical skills
- Willingness to learn financial and agenda software
- The ability to write professional emails and communicate

Salary range is from \$17-\$18/hour based on education, experience, and qualifications. This position is eligible for overtime.

Application available at the Town Hall or online at www.capecharles.org under *Employment Opportunities*. Submit complete Town Employment Application to Human Resources at P.O. Box 191, Cape Charles, VA 23310, in-person at 412 Tazewell Ave., or email to humanresources@capecharles.org.

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9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

The Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Commission is now accepting applications for the position of 9-1-1 Communications Officer. The qualified applicant will work rotating shifts, including days, nights, weekdays, weekends, and holidays, as well as fill in shifts as needed. 9-1-1 Communications Officers are responsible for answering 9-1-1 calls, verifying the callback number and address of the emergency, determining the nature of the emergency, and transferring the call or dispatching the appropriate emergency response unit as required, as well as other associated duties.

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The salary range for this position is \$38,399 to \$58,467.

Applications may be obtained at the Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Communications Center, 23201 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301, or by visiting www.esva911.org

For more information, please contact the 9-1-1 Center at 757-787-0911.

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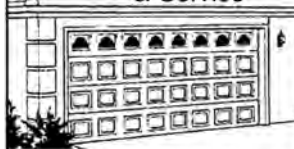
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3. Major League Baseball's Outstanding Designated Hitter Award is named after which Hall of Famer?
4. Sportswriter Allison "Al" Danzig is credited with coining what term to describe a tennis serve that the opponent fails to touch?
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Answers
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2. The Boston Bruins
3. Edgar Martinez
4. Ace
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Sealed bids for this project will be received until 2:00 p.m. on October 30, 2026, in the office of the Director of Maintenance, Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District, 32386 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles, VA 23310, Attention: Mr. Timothy R. Holloway, at which time the bids will be publicly opened.

Plans and Specifications for this project are available on the District's website at <https://www.cbdt.com/requests-for-proposals/>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE HOMESTAYS AND SHORT TERM RENTALS & ENFORCEMENT

The Saxis Town Council will hold a public hearing on **October 5, 2026, at 7 p.m.**, in the Saxis Town Hall, Saxis, VA to consider public comments and take action on the proposed adoption of the following ordinance:

1. The Town of Saxis Ordinance to Regulate Homestays and Short-Term Rentals

A zoning ordinance regulating the use of residential properties for short-term lodging (fewer than 30 consecutive days). Key provisions include:

- **Permit Requirement:** Requiring all short-term rental (STR) operators to obtain an annual STR special use permit from the Town.
- **Occupancy Limits:** Restricting overnight guests to no more than two (2) per bedroom (excluding nuclear families with children under 18).
- **Location Caps:** Establishing a town-wide limit of ten (10) active STR permits, which may be increased or decreased by the Town Council.
- **Accessory Structures:** Prohibiting the use of accessory structures (e.g., sheds, garages) as STRs.
- **Contact Information:** Requiring operators to post and distribute 24/7 local contact information for a responsible party to resolve complaints.
- **Property Owner Residency:** Restricting non-resident owners to a limit of 50 miles from the Town of Saxis, Virginia, and a maximum of one (1) active STR permit, while requiring full-time residents to live in town at least 185 days annually.
- **Neighbor Notification:** Mandating written notification to all adjoining property owners ninety (90) days prior to the issuance of a new permit.
- **Notice of Violation:** Creating a formal process for issuing written Warning Notices detailing violations and establishing a 10-calendar-day window to cure.
- **Monetary Penalties:** Establishing a penalty structure for uncured violations **\$500.00 per violation** under **\$15.2-983**, utilizing immediate rental prohibition as the non-compliance mechanism.
- **Administrative Appeals:** Establishing a process to file written appeals of warnings or fines to the Town Manager within 10 calendar days.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection at the **Saxis Town Office, Saxis, VA**, and online at <https://www.saxis.org>

All interested parties are invited to attend the joint public hearing to present their views.

By Order of the Town Council of Saxis, Virginia
Town Clerk/Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ONANCOCK

A public hearing will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Town Hall Chambers – 15 North St., Onancock, VA 23417, concerning the following:

An ordinance to amend the Town of Onancock Zoning Ordinance by amending the district maps in order to rezone the following properties containing utility facilities, or portions thereof, into the Industrial, Utilities (I-U) Zoning District:

1. A portion of Parcel ID: 085A102A0000200 and 085A102A0000300; Tax Map # 85A1-2-A-2 and 85A1-2-A-3; comprising 450 square feet (0.010 acres), to be subdivided, located at 1 Mount Prospect Avenue, Onancock, Virginia, Accomack County.
2. A portion of Parcel ID: 085A224000059A0; Tax Map # 85A2-24-59A; comprising 900 square feet (0.021 acres), to be subdivided, located at 11 Liberty Street, Onancock, Virginia, Accomack County; and,
3. Parcel ID: 085A1A000004700; Tax Map # 85A1-A-47; The Town of Onancock's Pump Station Lot, located off South Street, Onancock, Virginia, Accomack County.

The ordinance will also amend and reordain the regulations of Chapter 38, Zoning by Ratification of a Zoning Ordinance, adopted November 18, 2024, relating to Article X.a, Industrial, Utilities (I-U), and Sections 38-1, 38-8, 38-345, 38-440, and 38-477.

TOWN OF ONLEY NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Onley, Virginia, and the Town of Onley's Planning Commission will conduct Joint Public Hearings at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2026, at the Onley Town Office, located at 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, Virginia, for the purpose of receiving comments from members of the public concerning proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in reference to changes to Section III-4.3 Special Exceptions and Section III-4.5 Frontage & Yard Regulations.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for public inspection at www.townofonley.org or the Onley Town Office, 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA, Monday through Thursday from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026, AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. SUSE-000136-2026 – The Towers, LLC, & Celco Partnership – 12200 Block of Bethel Church Road, Hallwood

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(26) for antennas and towers over 100' in height. The applicant proposes to construct a 199' tower. The approximately 31-acre site is located at the 12200 block of Bethel Church Road near Hallwood, approximately 1,000' south of its intersection with Main Street and is on Tax Parcel # 54-A-209. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

B. VAR-000128-2026 – Roxanne Stephens – 8263 Atlantic Road, Wallops Island

The applicant requests variances of 4.39 acres and 3.47 acres from the 5-acre area requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-55(a). Further, the applicant requests a variance of 150' from the 150' frontage requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-57. Further, the applicant requests variances of 49.03' and 44' from the 50' front setback requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-56 and a variance of 3.97' from the 5' rear setback requirement for accessory structures pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-58(b). The applicant proposes to subdivide an existing parcel into two parcels. The approximately 2.14-acre site is located at 8263 Atlantic Road near Wallops Island, approximately 450' south of its intersection with Chincoteague Road, and is Tax Parcel # 28C2-A-2. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

C. SUSE-000119-2026 – Khaleel Thajudeen – 35495 Walter Street, Quinby

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(12) for any use of land and/or any permanent or temporary location of any type of building or facility thereon which is not specifically permitted within this chapter. The applicant proposes to use the land as a community garden with leased beds. The approximately .50-acre site is located at 35495 Walter Street near Quinby, approximately 50' south of its intersection with Crockett Street and is on Tax Parcels 121B-2-1 and 121B-2-2. The parcel is zoned Residential.

D. VAR-000145-2026 – Cathy Salamone – 12040 Block of Hummingbird Lane, Painter

The applicant requests variances of 2.97' and 1.92' from the 15' side setback requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-83(a). Further, the applicant requests a variance of 4' from the 35' rear setback requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-83(b). The approximately .27-acre site is located at the 12040 block of Hummingbird Lane near Painter, approximately 240' southwest of its intersection with Curratuck Road and is Tax Parcel # 109D-2-C-5. The property is zoned Residential.

E. SUSE-000153-2026 and VAR-000147-2026 – Betty Sewell on behalf of Mark Macaione – 5775 Neal Parker Road, Withams

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22) for an accessory dwelling. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 144 square feet from the 1200 square foot maximum for accessory dwellings pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-1. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 75' from the 140' setback distance between dwellings set forth in Accomack County Code Section 106-238. The approximately 4.32-acre site is located at 5775 Neal Parker Road near Withams, approximately 600' northwest of its intersection with Burton Road and is Tax Parcel # 10-A-35A. The property is zoned Agricultural.

F. SUSE-000158-2026 – David and Angelika Cook – 24077 Tall Pines Drive, Onancock

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14), which permits travel trailers located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation. The applicant wishes to temporarily place a travel trailer on the parcel while building a new home. The 0.91-acre site is located at 24077 Tall Pines Drive near Onancock, approximately 425 feet east of its intersection with Little Mimosa Drive and is Tax Parcel #83C-1-30 and 83C-1-31. The property is zoned Agricultural, is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (6BFE), and is located in a Resource Protection Area.

G. SUSE-000154-2026 – Albert and Julie Cicioni – 15100 Block of Russell Drive, East Point

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(12) for any use of land and/or any permanent or temporary location of any type of building or facility thereon which is not specifically permitted within this chapter. The applicant intends to place an accessory structure on the property without a primary structure. The approximately .20-acre site is located at 15145 Russell Drive, East Point, approximately 100 feet east of its intersection with Bayview Street and is Tax Parcel #83B-2-D-3. The property is zoned Residential, is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (6BFE, 8BFE),

and is located in a Resource Protection Area.

H. SUSE-000151-2026 – Edward and Autumn Chalabala – 24300 Block of Joynes Lane, Cashville

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(27) for a use of land not specifically listed as a use permitted by right or by special exception-special use in the agricultural district regulations, which is clearly similar and compatible with the uses listed therein. The applicant has placed multiple accessory structures without a primary structure. The approximately .20-acre site is located in the 24300 block of Joynes Lane near Cashville, approximately 1,000 feet north of its intersection with Broadway Road and is Tax Parcel #91-A-184B. The property is zoned Agricultural, is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (6BFE) and is located in a Resource Protection Area. This is an after-the-fact application.

I. SUSE-000150-2026 – Edward and Autumn Chalabala – 24300 Block of Joynes Lane, Cashville

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14) for travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation or the storage of chattels. The applicants have placed a travel trailer on the parcel. The approximately .20-acre site is located in the 24300 block of Joynes Lane near Cashville, approximately 1000 feet north of its intersection with Broadway Road and is Tax Parcel #91-A-184B. The property is zoned Agricultural, is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (6BFE) and is located in a Resource Protection Area. This is an after-the-fact application.

J. SUSE-000155-2026 – Assawoman Properties, LLC – 15300 Block of Hog Neck Road, Nelsonia

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(27) for a use of land not specifically listed as a use permitted by right or by special exception-special use in the agricultural district regulations, which is clearly similar and compatible with the uses listed therein. The applicant proposes to place an accessory structure on the property without a primary structure. The approximately 338-acre site is located in the 15300 block of Hog Neck Road near Nelsonia, approximately 2,000 feet south of its intersection with Metompkin Road and is Tax Parcel #70-A-143. The property is zoned Agricultural and located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (9BFE, 8BFE).

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia, or <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be required in cash on the date of sale, with liberty to the purchaser to pay as much more in cash on that day as he might desire. The balance not so paid in cash to be evidenced by the note of the purchaser, payable thirty days from date with interest at 9% from date of sale, and with personal security should the undersigned Trustee require it. Title to the premises to be retained as additional security until the full amount of the purchase price has been paid. Bidders may be required to offer proof of a satisfactory financial condition prior to Trustee's acceptance of their bid.

The property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the time bid off; possession to be given on the day of sale, and taxes for the year 2026 to be prorated as of the date of sale.

Upon payment in full of the purchase price the purchaser to be entitled to a deed for said property upon same properly prepared at his expense conveying said property with SPECIAL WARRANTY of title and tendered to the undersigned Trustee for execution.

For further information apply to the undersigned Substitute Trustee.

Given under my hand this the 31st day of July, 2026.

JOHN P. CUSTIS
Sole Acting Trustee
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, to consider and to hear public comments on one case.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with a site visit to the affected property. The Board will reconvene at or around 10:15 AM that same morning in Board Chambers in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing.

Variance 2026-06: William & Kim Allen are applying for a variance to encroach into the front-yard setback to avoid the 100' RPA buffer while constructing a home. The property is located on Downing Beach Drive, Exmore, VA, and is further described as Tax Maps 12A-1-1 & 12A-1-A1.

The case files may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or viewed electronically at <https://co-northampton-va.community.diligentoneplatform.com/Portal/>

Written comments may be sent via email to olivia.bennett@co.northampton.va.us or may be submitted by mail or hand-delivery to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building.

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the files may contact the County at (757) 678-0443, ext. 544.

For questions on case information, contact the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office at (757) 678-0443, ext. 545.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Accomack County School Board will hold a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at Metompkin Elementary School, located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Board will appoint the new representative for District 1 at this meeting.

NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than 60 days on the property of Cape Charles Yacht Center, Cape Charles Marina LLC, 1011 Bayshore Road, Cape Charles, VA 23310. 757-250-2913.

Description of watercraft: Build: LUHRS powerboat; Length 34; Year: 1985; Color: Blue/White Hull ID: LHR34099J485 #340

Application for Watercraft Registration/Title will be made in accordance with Section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources with questions.

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Description of watercraft: Build: Make: Irwin; Length 52 feet; Year: 1979; Color: White/Red; Monohull sailboat; Hull ID:XYM52111M80D

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Description of watercraft: Build: Kellys Marine Blackfin ; Length 30 feet; Year: 1983; Color: White; Hull ID: KMA29003M83F.

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■ From Kevin Morris and Guy Morris
To Melissa Bennett and Calvin Lynn Bennett
Lot near Picketts Harbor, Cheapside
For \$175,000

■ From EJB Holdings, Inc.
To Shannon Flatgard and David Flatgard
Lot 20, Clearview, near Exmore
For \$115,000

■ From C&L Homes, Inc.
To Far Point, LLC
Lot 80, Marina Village, Cape Charles
For \$70,000

■ From Emily Daily and Alicia Daily
To Karen Goldstine and Charles Goldstine
Lot 3, Holly Bluff, Franktown
For \$52,500

■ From Beacon Custom Homes, LLC
To The Dwight D. Timm Irrevocable Trust
Lot 113, Village L, phase IC, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$1.2 million

■ From Elizabeth Ann Oraham and William Glynn Leffler Jr., et al.
To Edward Toth Sr.
Lot 14, Section 1, Wagner Acres, near Eastville
For \$295,000

■ From Valerie Newman and William Newman
To Logan Parker and Douglas Parker
4344 Willis Wharf Road, Exmore
For \$279,000

■ From Theresa Bradford
To Duck Trap, LLC
Lot near Birdsnest
For \$10,000

■ From Maricela Bartolo Faustino
To Alejandrina Bartolo Faustino
Parcel A in Eastville
For \$40,000

■ From BECO Tower Hill, LLC
To Strother Group, LLC
Lot 88, Phase Two, Tower Hill, Cape Charles
For \$455,000

■ From Susan Purdum and Charles Purdum
To Donna M. Marquis-Henke and Ronald Scott Henke
Lot 22, Village L, Phase 1C, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$317,500

■ From Tugce Brito and Cesar Brito
To Cesar Brito
Lot 159, Vaulduse Shores, Machipongo
For \$34,000

■ From Lisa Molinari
To Oak Lane Properties, LLC
Lot 32, Section II, Bayside Village, Cape Charles
For \$650,000

■ From Beacon at Magnolia Park, LLC
To Allison Markussen and Fridtjov Markussen
Lot J-7A The Villas at Magnolia Park, Cape Charles
For \$904,610

■ From Virginia Cross
To Sandra Hazelfeldt and Leroy Devore
Lot 10, Marina Village East, Cape Charles
For \$299,900

■ From Desmond Harmond and Gary Onley, et al.
To Briseida Yasmin Fatalo and Antonia Martinez Gonzalez
Lot 14 in Nassawadox
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■ From Modoc Lane, LLC
To Kelly Botto and Christopher Botto
Lot 32, town of Cape Charles
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■ From Jeanne Selph and Barney Selph
To Gordon W. Campbell
Lot in the town of Cape Charles
For \$295,000

■ From Robyn Stringfellow and Thornton Stringfellow
To Bayview AB, LLC
Lot I-3, town of Cape Charles
For \$290,000

■ From The Vault Rentals, LLC
To 4322 Capeville, LLC
Parcels 1 and 2 in Capeville
For \$315,000

■ From Nancy Turner and James Turner
To Andrea Seeley and Mark Seeley
Lot 20, Bayside Village, Section V
For \$1.42 million

■ From The Robert Potter Revocable Trust
To Daryl Keith Potter and Michael Howard Potter
Lot 48, The Colony at Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$10

■ From Kalle Culotta and Francis Todd Culotta
To Sarah Sams and James Sams
Lot B-71, Bayside Village, Section VI, Cape Charles
For \$786,999

■ From Dreams by the Water, LLC
To Regina Graham and Chadwick Graham
Lot 7, Dreams by the Water, Cape Charles
For \$100,000

Accomack Property Transfers

■ From Betty Hrubes and Eileen Saady Schleif
To Lisa Mason
17460 Big Road, Parksley
For \$224,000

■ From Mellissa Cold, Sheila Coulbourne, and Michelle Evans
To Christopher Lee Stanley
Lot 163B, Sanford
For \$5,000

■ From Sandra Stewart and William Stewart
To Kathryn Darling
6033 Lewis St., Chincoteague
For \$295,000

■ From Lisa Mason and Thomas Mason
To Garrett James Peak
26297 Joynes Neck Road, Accomac
\$481,000

■ From Lynn Huether and Lynn Mathews
To Catherine Alfieri and Richard Alfieri
35458 Upshurs Neck Road, Quinby
For \$151,020

■ From Caroline Amsel and Bryan Amsel
To Teri Hubbard and James Hubbard
Lot 402, unit 1, sheet 1, Trail's End, Horntown
For \$51,515

■ From Anthony Turrisi
To Lamb's Legacy, LLC
37292 Longboat Court, Greenbackville
For \$360,000

■ From Jenna Yacobucci and Joshua Yacobucci
To Cartus Financial Corporation
Lot 2226, section 4, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$260,000

■ From Catherine Deangelis and Franklin H. Ulrich Jr.
To Kathleen Ann McCowan and Aaron Douglas McCowan
Lot 79, phase 1, Waterside Village I, Painter
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■ From Mary Carol Sayles and George Sayles
To Island Ventures, LLC
4475 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague
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To Eric Preneta
20188 Allen Lane, Onancock
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■ From Mario Ricardo Vargas
To William R. Ennis
26493 Evans Road, Onancock
For \$335,000

■ From Michelle Offutt and Bryan Offutt
To Mason Rentals, LLC
Lot 114, section 2, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
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■ From Glenn Bridgett
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■ From Chincoteague Seacrets RE, LLC
To the town of Chincoteague
Property on South Main Street, Chincoteague
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■ From Atlantic Properties Management, LLC and Virginia Coastal Properties, LLC
To Abigail Charlottee Tesnow and Ronald John Tesnow Jr.
Waterfield Farm on Boston Road, near Painter
For \$1.1 million

Northampton Indictments

■ Kenyanna Sheivonie Cummings, 28, of Bronx, N.Y., was indicted on five charges of bank note or coin forgery or employing it as true, forgery of a public record, and possession of more than 10 forged bank notes.

■ Brazuan Zykee Davis, 26, of Exmore, was indicted on a charge of shooting at an occupied dwelling.

■ Levontay J. Johnson, 21, of Cape Charles, was indicted on charges of aggravated murder during a robbery, aggravated murder during robbery conspiracy, robbery that resulted in a death, use of a firearm to commit a felony, shooting another while in commission of a felony, possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or II drug, and possession of a firearm while in possession of a schedule I or II drug.

■ Keith Andre Moses, 67, of Cape Charles, was indicted on charges of credit card larceny and credit card fraud.

■ Christa Lynn Mariner, 34, of Cape Charles, was indicted on charges of possession of methamphetamine and convicted felon in possession of a stun weapon.

■ Donato Martinez Pablo, 50, of Parksley, was indicted on a charge of sexual penetration with an object.

■ John William Poole, Jr., 80, of Cape Charles, was indicted on five counts of failure to register as a sex offender.

■ Marvin Snead, 36, of Painter, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense in five years, and driving a vehicle while license is revoked for driving while intoxicated.

■ Javonte A. Washington, 29, of Exmore, was indicted on charges of possession of a concealed weapon, second offense, possession of a firearm while in possession of a schedule I or II drug, and possession of a schedule I or II drug.



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Chincoteague Channel	L 7:46 am H 2:11 pm	L 8:46 am H 3:10 pm	L 9:48 am H 4:09 pm	L 10:47 am H 5:05 pm	L 11:41 am H 5:55 pm	L 12:31 pm H 6:41 pm	H 6:57 am L 1:18 pm
Gargatha Neck	L 8:27 am H 3:01 pm	L 9:23 am H 4:04 pm	L 10:21 am H 5:07 pm	L 11:20 am H 6:04 pm	L 12:15 pm H 6:52 pm	H 7:07 am L 1:07 pm	H 7:51 am L 1:55 pm
Folly Creek	L 8:12 am H 2:54 pm	L 9:08 am H 3:57 pm	L 10:06 am H 5:00 pm	L 11:05 am H 5:57 pm	L 12:00 pm H 6:45 pm	H 7:00 am L 12:52 pm	H 7:44 am L 1:40 pm
Wachapreague	L 7:48 am H 2:25 pm	L 8:42 am H 3:21 pm	L 9:38 am H 4:22 pm	L 10:36 am H 5:22 pm	L 11:35 am H 6:15 pm	L 12:29 pm H 7:00 pm	H 7:14 am L 1:20 pm
Quinby Inlet	L 7:27 am H 2:05 pm	L 8:23 am H 3:08 pm	L 9:21 am H 4:11 pm	L 10:20 am H 5:08 pm	L 11:15 am H 5:56 pm	L 12:07 pm H 6:39 pm	H 6:55 am L 12:55 pm
Machipongo	L 7:56 am H 2:35 pm	L 8:52 am H 3:38 pm	L 9:50 am H 4:41 pm	L 10:49 am H 5:38 pm	L 11:44 am H 6:26 pm	H 6:41 am L 12:36 pm	H 7:25 am L 1:24 pm
BAYSIDE							
Tangier Sound Light	L 11:55 am H 6:10 pm	H 6:29 am L 12:54 pm	H 7:35 am L 1:55 pm	H 8:36 am L 2:54 pm	H 9:29 am L 3:48 pm	H 10:15 am L 4:37 pm	H 10:57 am L 5:21 pm
Muddy Creek	L 12:25 pm H 6:20 pm	H 6:39 am L 1:24 pm	H 7:45 am L 2:30 pm	H 8:59 am L 3:35 pm	H 9:56 am L 4:30 pm	H 10:42 am L 5:20 pm	H 11:24 am L 6:06 pm
Guard Shore	L 12:21 pm H 6:12 pm	H 6:31 am L 1:20 pm	H 7:37 am L 2:26 pm	H 8:51 am L 3:31 pm	H 9:48 am L 4:26 pm	H 10:34 am L 5:16 pm	H 11:16 am L 6:02 pm
Chesconessex Creek	L 11:33 am H 5:47 pm	L 12:32 pm H 6:46 pm	H 7:12 am L 1:38 pm	H 8:26 am L 2:43 pm	H 9:23 am L 3:38 pm	H 10:09 am L 4:28 pm	H 10:51 am L 5:14 pm
Onancock Creek	L 11:53 am H 6:01 pm	L 12:52 pm H 7:00 pm	H 7:26 am L 1:58 pm	H 8:40 am L 3:03 pm	H 9:37 am L 3:58 pm	H 10:23 am L 4:48 pm	H 11:05 am L 5:34 pm
Pungoteague Creek	L 11:07 am H 5:17 pm	L 12:06 pm H 6:16 pm	H 6:42 am L 1:12 pm	H 7:56 am L 2:17 pm	H 8:53 am L 3:12 pm	H 9:39 am L 4:02 pm	H 10:21 am L 4:48 pm
Nassawadox	L 9:24 am H 4:07 pm	L 10:21 am H 5:06 pm	L 11:24 am H 6:07 pm	H 6:36 am L 12:28 pm	H 7:32 am L 1:26 pm	H 8:21 am L 2:19 pm	H 9:05 am L 3:06 pm
Occohannock Creek	L 10:35 am H 4:38 pm	L 11:34 am H 5:37 pm	L 12:31 pm H 6:37 pm	H 6:54 am L 1:30 pm	H 7:56 am L 2:30 pm	H 8:50 am L 3:24 pm	H 9:34 am L 4:10 pm
Cape Charles	L 8:37 am H 2:51 pm	L 9:36 am H 3:50 pm	L 10:42 am H 5:00 pm	L 11:47 am H 6:02 pm	L 12:42 pm H 6:51 pm	H 7:13 am L 1:32 pm	H 7:55 am L 2:18 pm
Kiptopeke Beach	L 8:07 am H 2:30 pm	L 9:05 am H 3:31 pm	L 10:08 am H 4:42 pm	L 11:08 am H 5:43 pm	L 12:03 pm H 6:30 pm	H 6:51 am L 12:53 pm	H 7:32 am L 1:40 pm
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Rice
- Rye
Sorghum
Wheat

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Last week's answers

ACTUATOR ASHRAM MESAS
BOATRACE LOOKMA ELITE
ACCESSHOLLYWOOD SETON
SOIREES TAD CATSCANS
EATING ADHOC COMMITTEE
EARP GOO SCAR
AMIE BUNDT OYL HATCH
TENNESSEEWILLIAMS HAT
MALTS HADON YMCA PALM
STORMS EPPS BLT ITLL
SWEETSMELLOFSUCCESS
MAGE LIU YALE HOTAIR
SUES EMME CONIC BILGE
RCA POPPYSEEDDRESSING
PERIL SEA DIRER MESS
CART UNA IDEA
ALLEYOOPPASSES CURBS
GEOMETRO TOS SETSAIL
AMPED QUADRUPLEDOUBLE
SMELT UNREAL AMENABLE
PESTO EDSELS WINELIST

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

JUST ADD WATER

ACROSS

- 1 "May I talk to you briefly?"
8 Placed
12 Motor oil additive
15 TV character whom you "better call"
19 Certain outlet accessory
20 River of Aragon
21 Weeding tool
22 Singer Amos
23 Like a gallery that has five dozen paintings by artist Antoine?
25 Sort of
27 Shar — (wrinkly dogs)
28 What a hailstorm is doing when composer Jean-Philippe is caught in it?
30 Hawaiian for "appetizer"
32 Little League precursor
33 Calling device in a forest east of Paris?
41 Banquet, e.g.
45 Four eighths
46 Let borrow again
47 Monte —
48 Oil from flower petals
49 Wine enjoyed near a hearth?
53 Aliens, briefly
54 August hrs.
55 Guilty feeling
56 Garage oil
58 Hilo hellos
64 Giving the go-ahead for
68 Atmosphere
69 Raised, flat land that you are visiting today?
72 Rapa — (Easter Island)
73 Bookish sort
75 Giorgio of fashion
76 Apartment policy about animals
78 Island porch
80 Goat's cry
82 Application file extension
83 Festive antique hat?
91 Slanting
93 "Nay" sayers
94 Shower sponges
95 100-page story, maybe
97 Portend
98 That powerful essayist Henry David?
101 Sea's edge
102 Have — (lose it)
103 Flat-bottomed vessel sailing across the River Styx from Hades?
111 Notion, in Paris
115 An hour before midnight
116 Teasing tribute held at the Green Bay Packers' stadium?
119 Sold out, say
120 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1973 hit)
121 Leg, e.g.
122 Tom Cruise/Dustin Hoffman film
123 Puts in place
124 Pastor's talk: Abbr.
125 Legs' counterparts
126 Iran neighbor

DOWN

- 1 [I'm in shock!]
2 Comics dog
3 Metered car
4 Bldg. units in complexes
5 Pig's home
6 "lck!"
7 Deep-fried crustacean appetizers
8 Riga native, old-style
9 Aid in crime
10 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)
11 Gloomy
12 Tibias
13 Native of Nuku'alofa
14 Eye care chain
15 Fruit discard
16 Top-tier
17 — Major (constellation)
18 In — of
24 Tightly strung
26 Mineo of "Exodus"
29 "— to Be You" (pop standard)
30 Bartlett, e.g.
31 "Friendly skies" carrier, for short
33 Python's kin
34 — coated aspirin
35 Large central feature of the Astros' logo
36 — apso
37 Be mistaken
38 Singer Brenda
39 Chicago Loop trains
40 Luau paste
41 British bud
42 Previous to
43 Taking after
44 Singer Rawls
47 Chevy pony car
50 "Let's just leave — that"
51 Toy train, when repeated
52 "— Matata" ("The Lion King" song)
54 Part of FDR
56 Car tankful
57 Spreads out, as fingers
59 Meadowland
60 Crew tool
61 Engine noise
62 Org. for cavity fillers
63 It rises daily
65 Kicked out of a country
66 Chocolate spread brand
67 U.S. soldiers
70 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
71 "Sands of Iwo —"
74 Basic trick for a skateboarder
77 Actor O'Toole
79 Baseless bit of gossip
81 Ditzzy relative of Samantha on "Bewitched"
83 Sharp punch
84 Singer Yoko
85 "Inc." relative
86 Orbiter with a tail
87 — polloi
88 Olympic code for Kabul's country
89 Oom — band
90 "C" — la vie"
91 State firmly
92 Fraternity "T"
96 "Well now!"
98 Flat, hollow sounds
99 Crested bird with black-and-white wings
100 Harvard rival
101 Submission encl.
103 Pleads
104 Balm plant
105 Camp shelter
106 Nights before
107 Stewpot
108 Impartial
109 "I wonder ..."
110 Recedes
111 Actress Skye
112 Accurse
113 Morales of film and TV
114 Volcano in Sicily
117 Egypt and Syr., once
118 Crater's edge

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